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CONFIDENCE FELT IN CANTON

Coming Battle May Decide Outcome Of Civil War RED SET-BACKS NOTED

Canton, September 13.
Not only the future of Canton but perhaps the final outcome of the civil war hinges on the battle now shaping up in Central China.

Grenade Thrown At Chiang

An attempt was made to assassinate Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Chungking during the height of the great fire which swept the city on September 2, the "China Mail" learned from a reliable source yesterday.

In the midst of the confusion caused by the huge blaze a hand grenade was thrown at Chiang in his Chungking home.

Chiang's bodyguards killed eighteen persons who were believed to be the assassins.

The Generalissimo was not injured in the attack.

Notorious Pirate Chief Arrested

The notorious Kwangtung pirate leader, Chan Yip-wai, was arrested by the Nationalist troops near Canton on Monday, according to a veracious press report.

Also caught by the Canton authorities were Chan's lieutenant machine-gunner, Tung Fong, or "Oriental," and some 20 gangsters.

Said to be the ring leader of a gang of pirates who had pirated the K. S. Kwai Wah, about a month ago, Chan whose nickname was "Potato Yip," and his brother, Chan Yip-chow, used to be lieutenants of the well known pirate leader and traitor Lee Fu-kuen during the last war.

Prior to the end of the last war, the report went on, "Potato Yip's" brother was put to death by Lee Fu-kuen, Chan himself was arrested by the puppet Kwangtung Government for siding with Communist guerrillas.

Hidden in Village

After Japan surrendered, "Potato Yip" crept from puppet custody and hid in a village near Canton from where he conducted piracy of river vessels.

The report further stated that the arrested pirates have been brought to Canton where they will be dealt with before a military court.

Shipping merchants in Canton believe that the notorious pirate leader and his gangsters now in custody in Canton, snipping in the Pearl River will be much safer.

All shipping firms in Canton are now preparing to welcome the troops who arrested the pirate leader and his gangsters by preparing comfort gifts and flares of appreciation, the report concluded.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) the tropical storm has now reached typhoon intensity and is centred about 250 miles E. of Okinawa, moving WNW at 15 knots. Another tropical storm appears to be developing over the Eastern Caroline. A weak anti-cyclone is stationary to the N. of Japan, with a ridge extending SW across Korea to the Philippines.

Today's Forecast—Light variable winds, fair and very warm, with morning haze.

Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum: 82.2 deg. F.
Minimum: 72.2 deg. F.
Sunshine: 11.5 hours.
Rainfall: 10.4 mm. = 0.41 in. Total since Jan. 1—1695.0 mm. = 66.74 in. as against an average of 1614.5 mm. = 63.56 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Bar. altim. 1010.9 1017.5 inches
Wind direction 75 75
Wind force 10 10
Sea state 10 10
Water temp. 28.1 28.1
Air temp. 81.1 81.1
Dew pt. 73.1 73.1
Humidity 85 85

The prospect of an all-out Red offensive has stirred none of the misgivings it would have done six weeks ago.

The pessimism then pervading has been replaced by a feeling of confidence. Everyone, Chinese and foreign, remarks on it; and even formerly sceptical diplomats are beginning to wonder whether they did not write off the Nationalists just a little bit too soon.

In the past six weeks the Nationalists have scored three important successes:

1. They have managed to survive the crisis caused by the defection early last month of General Chen Ming-jen, deputy commander of the Central China front.

2. General Pai Chung-hsi, the Central China commander, has scored at least a defensive victory against the Reds West of the Canton-Hankow railway in Hunan, doing so at a time when he seemed doomed to encirclement or retreat.

3. More recently, the Nationalists have gained the upper-hand in the political struggle for the South West China province of Yunnan, this at a time when it looked as if the whole province would defect to the Reds.

Despite the battle now looming in Central China, most people here think Canton has at least a month to go, possibly even two or three.

There are some—and they include a sprinkling of the diplomatic and consular personnel here—who think there is a chance of Canton surviving indefinitely if it does not fall in four or five months.

If this proves to be the case, then the need to transfer the seat of the National Government to Chungking would not arise.

People with experience of war-time Chungking are hoping it would not. They prefer Canton, and think one of its best advantages is its proximity to Hong Kong. Chungking, unlike Canton, would be too far away to allow frequent visits to the British colony to relieve the tedium of life there.

Only last month, it was relatively difficult to get in or out of the city by air or by sea. Now it is easy. In fact, there seems to be more incoming than outgoing traffic at the moment.

Not everyone, though, is optimistic. There are some who think that Canton's doom, though delayed, is coming.

Their argument is this: Once the Reds put on full steam ahead, the whole thing could fold up in a matter of a few brief weeks.

And, of course, they could well be right.

Pai Confident

General Pai Chung-hsi, the Commander-in-Chief in Central China, told foreign correspondents in Canton today that he was confident of success in the forthcoming Hunan battle, adds Reuter.

"The morale of my troops is very high. They are all anxious for a complete victory," he declared.

He gave three reasons for this confidence.

Firstly—climate. Communist General Lin Piao's Northern troops were not used to heat and dampness.

Secondly—geographical advantage. Mountainous areas were difficult to deploy in than flat country, where recent fighting had taken place.

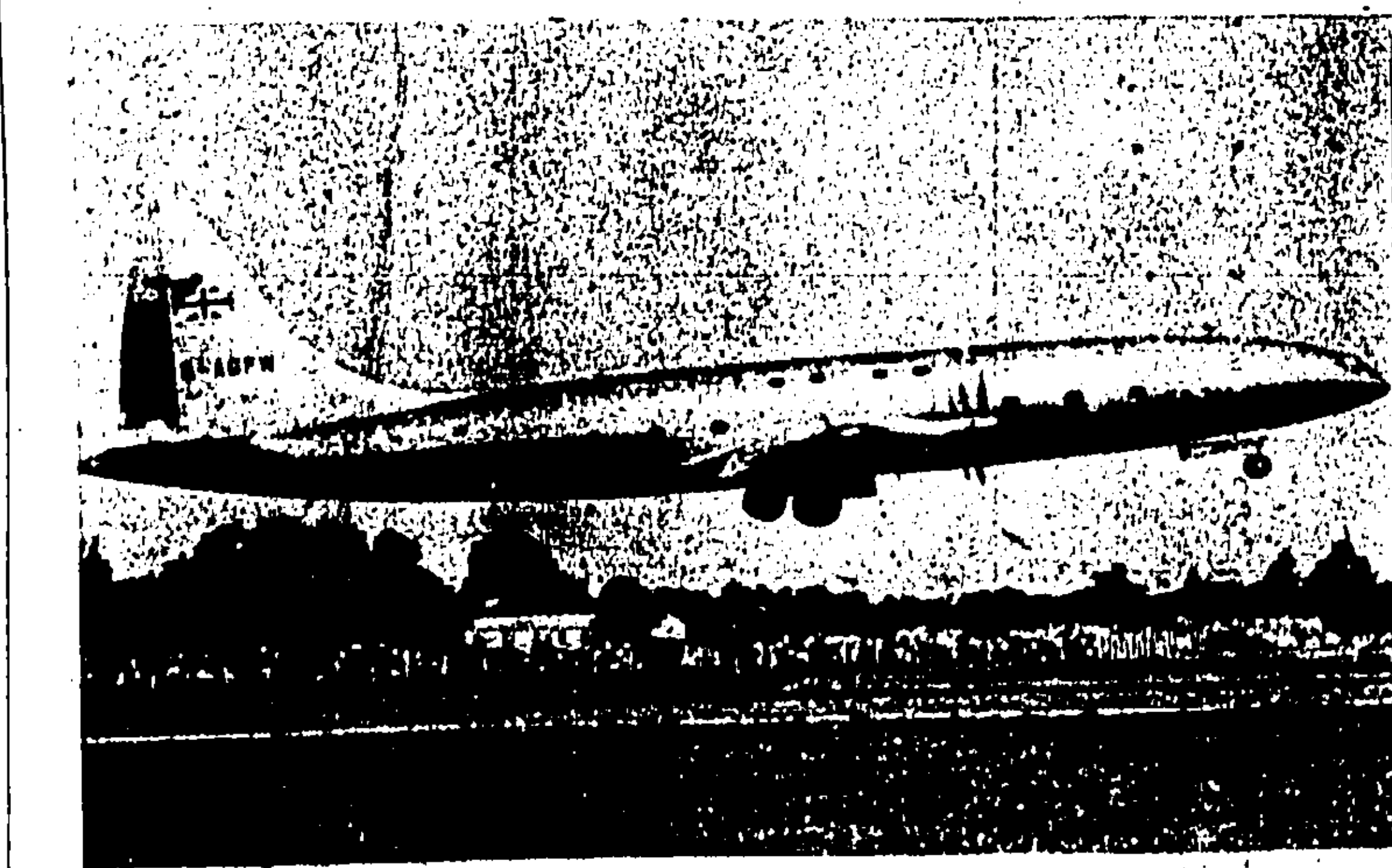
Thirdly—the people of the Hunan-Kwangtung-Kwangsi bloc. They all had an inflexible spirit and would never submit to invasion.

He disclosed that while his troops would fight the Communists in the Hunan area, the Defence Ministry had formulated a plan to deal with an offensive from the Kwangtung and Fukien fronts.

General Pai stated that plans allocated to Hengyang, Kai at tacked. Red concentrations in Hunan whenever they spotted them, but most troops movements were done at night.

General Pai stressed China's need for foreign aid before it was too late and said that he would welcome foreign technical assistance of such aid.

An Associated Press report quoted the Shanghai Marshal Yen Hsi-



Britain drove home her civil aircraft superiority when the 130-ton Bristol Brabazon thundered into the air for the first time. Thousands of excited spectators cheered as the eight-engined silver giant roared off the end of its special runway at Filton, Bristol, Gloucestershire. She is the world's biggest airliner. Photo shows: Her undercarriage is already retracting as the "Brab" climbs into the sky before she has reached the end of the runway at Filton. (AP Photo).

Recruiting Of Fliers In Japan

Tokyo, September 13.
American as well as Japanese fliers would be recruited from Japan for the fight against the Chinese Communists "if things get much worse," the deputy chief of the Chinese Mission in Tokyo, Minister Yorkson Shen told AAP-Reuter today.

Mr. Shen said that he had already received offers from 20 American army fliers who are due for demobilisation soon but so far all offers have been pigeon-holed at the Chinese Mission.

He said that over 200 Japanese pilots have already visited the Mission to apply for China service. Though their offers have not been accepted, the applications have been forwarded to the Chinese Chief-of-Staff, General Ku Chu-tung.

He said that applicants so far have been told that the Chinese Government was unable to accept applications "officially" at the present time.

Mr. Shen warned would-be Japanese recruits that the Chinese Mission would not back any financial offers they might already have received. He was checking the bona-fides of the mysterious Chinese agent who arrived in Japan early in the year and is now believed to be contacting Japanese air force officers in Tokyo.

Chinese Warlords

He said that if the Chinese agent was offering big sums of money, it was doubtful whether he was able to pay. He said that he believed the agent was recruiting on behalf of several Chinese warlords in Szechuan Province, of which Chungking is the capital.

Mr. Shen said that warlords were superficially loyal but Generalissimo Chiang was at present visiting their province in an endeavour to induce them to remain loyal in the interests of a unified front against the Communists.

Referring to the reports that former Lieutenant-General Hiroshi Nemoto, commander-in-chief of the Japanese North China Army at the time of the surrender, was organising a Japanese flying force in Taiwan, Mr. Shen denied that Nemoto was working for the Nationalists but stated that he believed Nemoto was smuggling to Taiwan from Japan several weeks ago.

Two hundred Japanese fliers at present are being trained in Taiwan to fight with the Chinese Nationalists against the Communists, a well-informed source said today, according to United Press.

The source said the fliers left Japan by small fishing vessels under the name of China National Aviation Corporation planes and obtained visas to Taiwan as "sugar industry engineers." — Reuter and United Press.

POWERFUL RED RADIO STATION

London, September 13.
The Chinese Communists are organising a powerful short-wave radio station for international broadcasts, the New China Communist news agency announced today.

The station is being set up in a mountainous area in the north of China, near the border with the Soviet Union, it was reported.

Brabazon Takes To The Air

Int'l Monetary Fund In Favour Of Devaluation

Washington, September 13.

The International Monetary Fund said today it may be better for a country to change an unsuitable exchange rate rather than impose restrictions that keep imports so low as to endanger its well-being and efficiency.

Apparently with Britain in mind, the Fund's Executive Board made this statement in its report to its parent Governing Board, which is meeting here in annual session.

Discussing the touchy subject of devaluing foreign currencies as one means of overcoming the dollar shortage, the Board's report never mentioned specifically the frequent suggestion that Britain devalue the Pound.

But there was little doubt that Britain was the main target of its comments since England is one of the few countries that has not devalued its currency since the end of the war.

In an obvious argument in favour of lowering the British currency, the Fund said:

"A fixed exchange rate is desirable as long as a country is able to adjust its economy to changes in its real international economic position."

It may be preferable for a country to change an unsuitable exchange rate through the machinery of Fund consultation rather than subject its economy to the risks of serious deflation and unemployment or impose restrictions that keep imports so low as to endanger its well-being and efficiency."

The 48-nation Fund maintains a steady influence on exchange rates by requiring that members consult it before changing par values of currencies.

The Fund's statement on shifting exchange rates was considered highly important in view of the fact that the U.S. Treasury Secretary, Mr. John Snyder, last week said the question of devaluing the Pound is one for the Fund to consider.

Price Of Gold

On the question of raising the price of gold from its present \$35 an ounce, the Board's report merely cited advantages and disadvantages.

The United States, which buys

JAPANESE IN TAIYUAN

Tokyo, September 13.
Two thousand Japanese are still remaining in Taiyuan, capital of Shan province, according to a Japanese who arrived in Japan last Friday aboard a Panamanian vessel.

Thirty-two-year-old Tetsuichi Honda was until recently in the North China province.

Honda, who arrived in Moll, Vietnam, said that one-half of the remaining Japanese in Taiyuan are women and children.

In a prisoner-of-war camp, 150 Japanese are interned. In addition he said there were 200 Japanese in Peking. He said they were in poverty and despair, and were being treated badly.

ms. Yochow Runs Blockade With 202 Passengers

The British motorship Yochow successfully ran the Nationalist blockade at Tientsin and returned yesterday with 19 foreign and 183 Chinese passengers and about 500 tons of North China cargo.

Except for a slight engine breakdown when nearing local waters, the Butterfield and Swire vessel had an uneventful trip from Tangku, nearest port to the Communist city.

The foreigners, including 11 Britons, one American, one Russian, two Dutch, one Italian, and three Belgians, discussed the conditions in Tientsin but expressed their relief at having arrived here.

Among the arrivals are Mr. W. Pryor, Manager of the Kailan Mining Administration, who is here on a two-week business visit, and Mr. W. E. Williams who is also connected with the KMA.

The missionaries include the Reverend D. A. Easton, the Reverend W. B. De Dubbelden, the Reverend W. L. Koelmeij and Father D. Bressan.

Other foreigners who disembarked here yesterday were Mr. A. J. B. Britland, Mr. W. H. Wolthe, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Caye-Brown, Mr. W. G. Webber, Mr. K. Walker, Mr. R. A. White, Mr. H. L. Pickford, Mrs. Williams, accompanied by her husband, Mr. N. V. Rostumovsky, Misses A. Engelboach, M. Lemaire and Miss.

Tientsin is at present undergoing mass indoctrination by the People's Government, several passengers declared.

Strict Surveillance

Foreigners are left alone but are kept under strict surveillance. Great inconvenience, however, is normally experienced by a foreigner when travelling about. He must have his proper "identification" papers at all times.

Business for foreign capital is considerably restricted. Only established foreign organisations, which have been operating in Tientsin for years before the advent of the Communists, have been permitted to resume trade but on a minor scale.

Chinese business, however, catering mainly for the masses, is gradually deteriorating, owing to limited facilities.

To quote a Chinese merchant, "the city is being sucked dry of energy by the prolonged isolation from the outside world."

"There is very little exchange of materials and international news. How can a city with several hundred thousands exist progressively if it remains isolated from the world?" he added.

A Chinese has to produce several documents and obtain them from the Administration before he can leave the city as a bona fide passenger.

"But there are means of paying your way out," he alleged. He declined, however, to elaborate or state that it is a common practice. "Oh, you find it everywhere," he added hastily.

The Yochow left Tangku on September 7. She brought seven bags of mails.

KMT Official To Be Deported

Mr. Wu Yau-chuen, the Communist member of the Kuomintang Bureau for Hong Kong and Macao, who was taken into custody by the police on August 21, is to be deported, the "China Mail" learnt yesterday.

He has in the meantime been released on bail pending issue of a deportation order by the Governor in Council.

"Evening Post" Dispute In S'hai Settled

Shanghai, September 13.

The three-month-old labour dispute of the closed "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury," American-owned newspaper, was settled today on the payment of seven and a half months' severance pay to labourers and five and a half months for white-collar employees.

The newspaper closed on June 15, putting 131 employees out of work.

It suspended permanently when the Editor, Mr. Randall Gould, felt he could no longer control the newspaper's editorial policy.

The dispute highlighted a general labour upheaval which followed the Communist take-over of the city.

The American-owned Far Eastern Match Company today asked authorities for permission to close its Shanghai factory, because it is unable to obtain chemicals and other raw materials from abroad.

Local materials were described as too expensive. The Company said also its rural market was decreasing because of the shortage of transportation and labour costs were too high for profitable operation. The factory employed 500 persons.

The British Textile Mill of China, a printing and finishing company employing 200 workers, recently applied for permission to shut down because it has exhausted its supply of raw cotton. No decision on the application has been handed down by Communist authorities. The mill is still operating a few textile machines with the last of its yarn stocks but it is forced to meet its entire payroll.—Associated Press.

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Miss Anne Potter, Lieutenant T. M. Williams, Dr. C. H. Fong, Miss M. W. Beattie, Mr. B. Warner, Mrs. W. T. Turtle, Pte. F. Kelly, Sgt. V. Sassoon and Mr. C. E. Sinley left for the United Kingdom by BOAC yesterday.

Mr. G. F. Herndon and Mr. R. Samuel left for Calcutta by BOAC yesterday.

Departures for Bangkok by BOAC yesterday included Mr. E. D. Cressy, Mr. S. Redden and Mr. H. E. Jones.

Messrs. W. Lampros, C. M. Molis, J. J. L. M. Androust, V. K. Sukhwant, G. Zenci, Mrs. G. C. McCarthy, Mrs. M. Beckin, and Master J. R. N. Beckin left for Yokohama by BOAC yesterday.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner General for South East Asia, left here yesterday morning for Singapore.

Other prominent persons who left the Colony yesterday were Mr. Kung Teh-cheng, the descendant of Confucius, and Mr. Hsuan Ti-wu, the ex-garrison commander of Shanghai.

Mr. Kung left on a CAC Con-voir whereas Mr. Hsu left on a CNAC Airbus, both for Canton.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included: Mrs. G. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Butler, Mr. W. Fielder, Mr. E. M. Hitchcock, Mr. W. W. Chandler and Mr. P. G. Wise.

Among those who departed from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Otis, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dekker, Mr. A. L. Phillips, Miss Mary Reardon, Miss Gloria Staub and Mr. W. W. Balloch.

Miss A. Mueller, Mr. T. J. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Otis, Miss M. Otis and Miss N. Lennachow left for Japan by the Blue Funnel liner "Agapenor" yesterday.

Departures for Saigon and Paris by Air France on Monday included Miss Boivin, Mr. Hal Linker, Mr. Desconreux, Mr. Mak Ting-wong, Miss Tran Ngoc, Miss Diep Duong, Mr. Trieu Dao, Mr. Tran Ba and Mr. Thi Qui.

Among those arriving by Air France from Saigon on Monday were Mr. Rous Teller, Mme. Monique Teller, Mr. Thang Minh Chieu, Mr. Kenneth Roberts, Mr. To Lee Liu Muoi and Mr. Emile Pascalis.

REGISTRATION OF NEW SCHOOLS

Beginning today all applications regarding registration of new schools and change of management of schools should be made to the Main Office of the Education Department, Telephone Building, Leighton Hill Road, Hong Kong, instead of the Inspectorate of Vernacular Schools, Post Office Building.

All applications must be made on official forms to be obtained from the Education Office.

Battle of Britain week was observed by the Hong Kong Rotary Club yesterday when they invited Squadron Leader R. D. Yule, DSO, DFC, to speak at their weekly luncheon on the epic battle.

Squadron Leader Yule said when the German Luftwaffe started their attack on Britain in 1940, seven weeks after the fall of France, few people at home realised its significance as everybody was expecting a seaborne invasion.

Little did people realise then that Britain's survival from the attack depended on the fighter planes and the fighter pilots who were to cross the channel and establish a bridgehead on the coast.

The Battle of Britain could be divided into four separate phases, said Squadron Leader Yule.

"The first phase, from July 10 to August 7, was the testing of our defences and consisted of bombing of our coastal towns and of our shipping.

It was to find out where our weak spots were, preparatory to a seaborne invasion. The attacks were not on a large scale but were very frequent.

Squadron Leader Yule said that it was at this time that the German Luftwaffe instituted an elaborate system of air-sea rescue, as they realised how very important it was to cut down the loss of crew. They picked up a lot of their men in the Channel from shot down planes.

Fighter Support

It was also at this time that the Germans learned, from their encounters with the RAF, that their dive bombers needed fighter support and also their losses would be tremendous.

"They also discovered that their air armaments were insufficient. At this time the RAF was not entirely on the defensive, and raids were carried out over German-held ports and cities on the continent.

The second phase of the Battle of Britain began on August 8, when the Luftwaffe set out to eliminate the RAF completely. They set out with mass attacks. The Germans relied on three advantages—the morale of their crew, their superior numbers, and their strategic advantages.

They made heavy attacks on convoys and coastal towns and caused great damage. Heavy air battles were the order of the day.

"Then, on August 15 the Germans, appreciating the value of the RAF, turned their attacks on our airfields, hoping that destruction of these bases would immobilise our air arm, or at least move our airfields further back to weaken the striking power of our fighters. These attacks did not immobilise the RAF but they were a deterrent to successful defence and caused considerable dislocation," Squadron Leader Yule said.

Third Phase

Then a full set in on August 19, which lasted four days, to be followed by the third phase of the battle, the concentrated heavy raids on London itself. The Germans proceeded their attacks on London by heavy bombing of the airfields around London and near the Thames Estuary.

The last mass attack on London was on September 27 when the Germans sent over 850 planes, but it was not as serious as the earlier concentrated attacks.

Anniversary Celebrated In Hong Kong

The marking of Battle of Britain week will evoke poignant memories in the minds of many people in Hong Kong.

Some were in London when the German Luftwaffe threw their entire might against the only surviving citadel of democracy in the Western world: some were actually in the RAF at the time, aiding or taking part in the epic of "the few" who battled night and day in the skies over England against overwhelming odds; others were far from the struggle, anxiously watching what many thought was the end of the old country.

The Battle of Britain was eventually won by the young RAF pilots, and some of them survived to realise eventually that the climax had utterly smashed Hitler's plan to cross the channel and invade England.

In Hong Kong this week the anniversary is being celebrated in various ways. The Royal Air Force Association is sponsoring a gala premiere of the film version of H.G. Wells' "The Passionate Friends" at the Lee Theatre on Friday. The cause is a good one. We hope the occasion will be well attended.

Morale Of People

Britain's victory in the Battle of Britain was not due entirely to the RAF, said Squadron Leader Yule, the high morale of the people and their staunch resistance in face of all dangers had often been overshadowed by the more spectacular performances of the air fighters.

"Our victory had vital repercussions across the channel," said Squadron Leader Yule who recalled his visit to Belgium in 1945 to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

The Belgians told him that before the news looked out that Britain had survived the Luftwaffe onslaught and had successfully beaten them off, the people had lost all hope of deliverance when they heard of Britain's victory from the German yoke. But it was like a new lease of life to them and it had done to the resistance movement which was to prove such a thorn in the side of the German occupation authorities.

"We want our victory in the Battle of Britain to be remembered for what it had done to the first, and it had done to Belgium, and it is in this light that we want to keep in our memory September 15 as Battle of Britain Day," said Squadron Leader Yule.

Rotarian J. B. Kite, on behalf of the Rotarians and guests, thanked the speaker.

Barnett's Evidence In Theft Case

Mr. K.M.A. Barnett, Deputy Central Secretary, gave evidence at Central yesterday in a case in which a Chinese was charged with stealing \$30 and a Parker fountain pen.

The case, in which defendant is Chan Yan, was adjourned for a week by Mr. Hin Shing-lo.

Mr. Barnett, in evidence, said that after buying some petrol and waiting for the change at the Hing Garden, he saw a man dressed in black run past him holding something under his arm.

The man was being chased by a man and woman.

Mr. Barnett said that he drove his car on the wrong side of the road and picked up the man who was giving chase. He drove to a point about 10 yards ahead of the man in black who then bolted but was arrested after a chase.

Mr. Barnett said he then drove the man to the police station.

The case was adjourned until September 19.

EAGLE BRAND CONDENSED MILK

Current shortage of Eagle Brand condensed milk will be relieved in the next few days, an official of Nestlé and the Anglo-Swiss Milk Products Company said yesterday.

He said that their company was now unloading 780,000 tins of the condensed milk, and that the company had warned wholesalers to insure fair and equitable distribution of the milk.

He added: "Of course, our company is powerless to prevent individuals, or companies from sending our product across the border into China."

He said that the company expects to have ample shipments of condensed milk to the Colony during the next few months, and believes that the current shortage should be permanently relaxed.

PASSPORT CONTROL IN CEYLON

A new system of passport control to be introduced next month by the Ceylon Government, has been announced.

All passengers arriving at Colombo for disembarkation after October 1, 1949, and who are not Ceylon citizens holding Ceylon passports, must be in possession of a permanent residence permit or visa.

Consequently, all non-citizens of Ceylon are advised to obtain their visas or residence permits before leaving for Ceylon as they will be refused permission to land in Ceylon without these documents.

It is pointed out that visas can be obtained from the British Consulate in London.

Urban Council Meeting

Licences for one food factory, one food preserving establishment and two restaurants, and one permit to keep pigs, were issued by the Urban Council for the fortnight ended September 11.

This information was revealed at yesterday's fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council, presided over by its chairman, Dr. J.P. Fahly.

The meeting considered the recommendations of the select committees in respect of four applications for licences. One was for a cafe licence, one for a food shop licence, and two for milk shops. They were all refused on the grounds that the premises were unsuitable.

New Licences

The new licences issued were one for an aerated water factory, two for cafes, seven for food factories, eight for foodshops, 10 for restaurants, one for cooked meat shop, one for milk shop, two for laundries, two for swine and one for goat.

Ninety-one hawkers' licences were renewed or issued in Hong Kong and 185 in Kowloon.

During August 260 squatters huts were removed from a large area surrounding the Yau-mai Railway Station.

In the same month prosecutions, mainly for offences under the Public Health and Hawkers Ordinances and the Summary Offences Ordinance, numbered 1,347. Of this number, 551 were offences of a sanitary nature, that is, obeying calls of nature in public places, refuse dumping, spitting, etc. and the offenders were arrested.

ss. Pyrrhus In Harbour

The most modern steamer in the Blue Funnel Fleet arrived here yesterday making only 30 days of which eight days were spent in Straits ports—from Liverpool.

She is the ss. Pyrrhus, which is equipped with excellent accommodation both for passengers and crew, and with specially-fitted refrigerated compartments of 72,000 cubic feet.

Built by Cammel Laird, at Birkenhead for Alfred Holt and Company, the Pyrrhus is the latest addition to the Fleet of 63 vessels in commission.

The Pyrrhus is additionally fitted with several deep tanks for carrying oil in bulk.

Her cargo gear is of the most up-to-date type and she has a heavy lift derrick capable of lifting a weight of 50 tons.

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Plaintiff In Claim Case Questioned By Defence Counsel

Mr. A. V. White, former Shanghai merchant who is the plaintiff in the claim for \$900,748 of the Supreme Court by virtue of alleged breaches of contract by another Shanghai merchant, yesterday was subjected to intense cross-examination by the defence.

In the course of questioning, plaintiff—who claims he made 10 contracts in 1947 and 1948 with Mr. F. C. Roberts, the defendant, which he alleges were not duly fulfilled—admitted that there was not one document he could produce which bore defendant's name on it.

Plaintiff is represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, KC, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva. Mr. Roberts is defended by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, and Mr. A. J. Clifford, KC, on the instructions of the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo.

Mr. White claims he made the contracts with Mr. Roberts in 1947 and 1948 in Shanghai, which involved the payment of certain sums of Chinese National currency, to defendant which the latter was to repay in return in foreign exchange into Mr. White's account abroad.

Plaintiff charges that the money was not repaid. Alternatively, Mr. White claims \$950,036 damages.

Defendant however denies the contracts concerned were made between him and Mr. White. It is his case that alternative, at the time of the alleged transactions in Shanghai, such business was illegal and contrary to the laws of China. His defence is further that even if such payments had been made to him as alleged by Mr. White, then defendant is not liable to repay the money because no claim for repayment can be made where money has been paid for an unlawful purpose according to the Civil Code of China.

Plaintiff alleges that at the time of the transactions defendant was in partnership with Mr. Baeten. He claims that Messrs. Roberts and Baeten together agreed to affect payment, but that both failed to carry out their part of each of the contracts.

Further evidence was given by Mr. White yesterday, after which he was cross-examined by counsel.

The spectators' seats at the back of the Court were yesterday quite filled with many Shanghai people.

No Documents

Cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon, Mr. White agreed yesterday that there was not a single document he could produce showing that Roberts had anything to do with any single one of the transactions concerned in the case.

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Again on the September 4, at about 12.10 p.m., another traffic accident happened near the bridge at Rutonjee Dis-entary on Castle Peak Road in which a Chinese male child was knocked down, receiving injuries which have since proved fatal.

Any persons witnessing the accidents or who can give any information are asked to communicate with the Traffic Office, Kowloon or with any other Police Stations.

Menacing Letters To Tea Houses

Ten Chinese tea houses in Hong Kong and Kowloon have received identical letters from the Overseas Youth Action Group, demanding payment of HK\$40,000.

The letters were dated September 10 and gave the tea houses three days to pay up. Payment was to be made at a certain rendezvous in Fat Shan, a town near Canton.

The letters were handed over to the police who, it is understood, are taking all possible precautions.

The tea house owners said none of them had paid up and that they were placing their faith in the police.

Trade Mark Case Adjourned

The Trade Mark case involving the management of the Sam Hing Weaving Factory of 136 Tai-po Road, who was summoned to the court on five before Mr. J. L. Wicks.

Summons of possession for five goods or things to which a false trade description had been applied, was resumed at Kowloon yesterday.

Represented by Mr. A. L. Er-cull, the owner of the factory was alleged to have in his possession a false trade description of a design of crossed guns; Chinese characters bearing the name of the Tak Kee Firm, England; a sign of a Swan brand; the name of Jardine, Matheson and Company; a design of three horses' heads also with the name of Jardine.

Complainants were Reiss Bradley & Company who owned the Tak Kee crossed guns and the Tak Kee trade label, and Jardine, Matheson and Company whose trade labels were the Swan brand and the Three Horses' heads with the company's name.

Mr. F. D. Hammond represented Reiss, Bradley & Company and Jardine, Matheson and Company, represented by Mr. P. L. Vine.

Further evidence was given, and the case was then adjourned to October 12.

A meeting will be held at Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Road tonight at 8.30 when Mr. J. C. McDouall, Social Welfare Officer, will be the guest speaker.

An open invitation to come along is extended to all—including ladies—who are interested.

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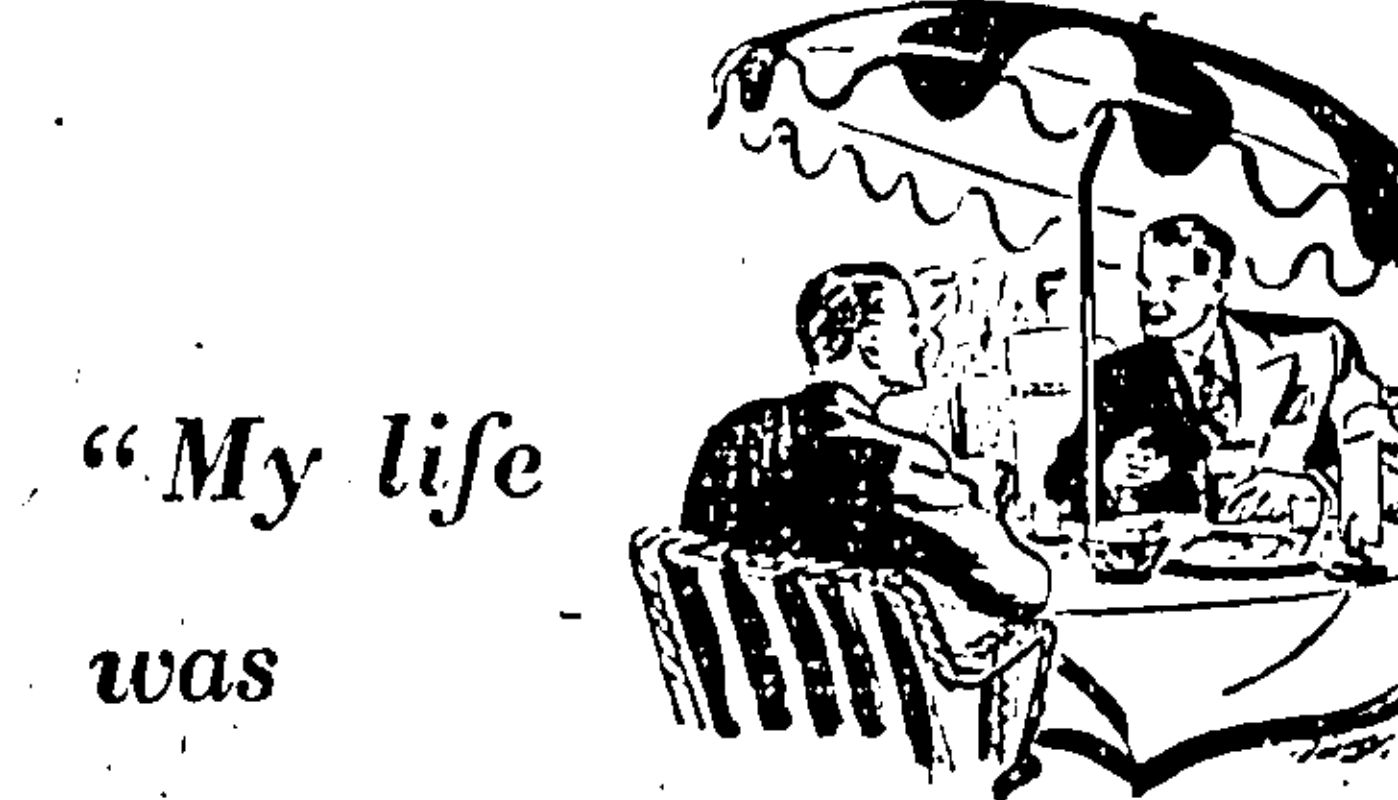
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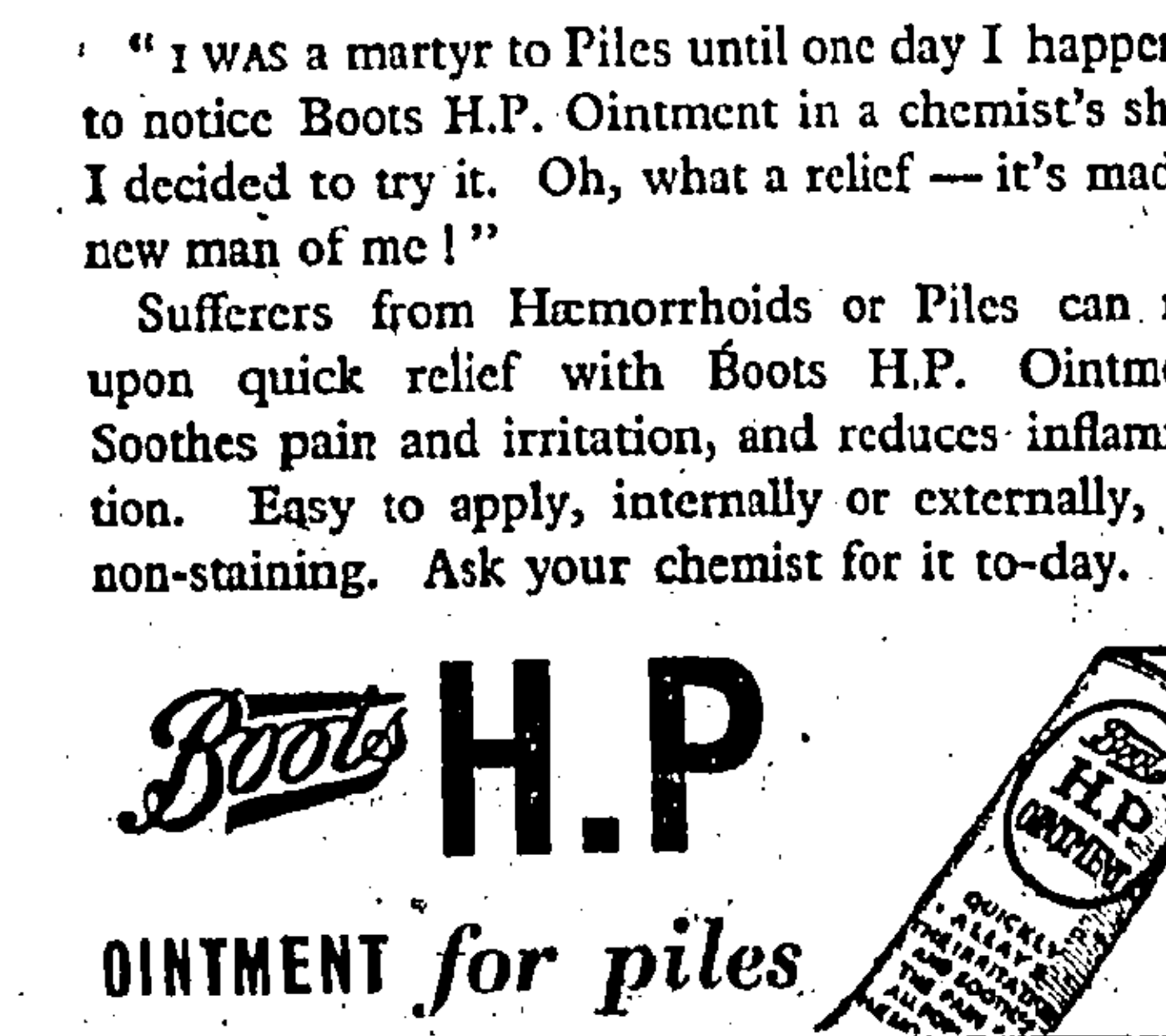
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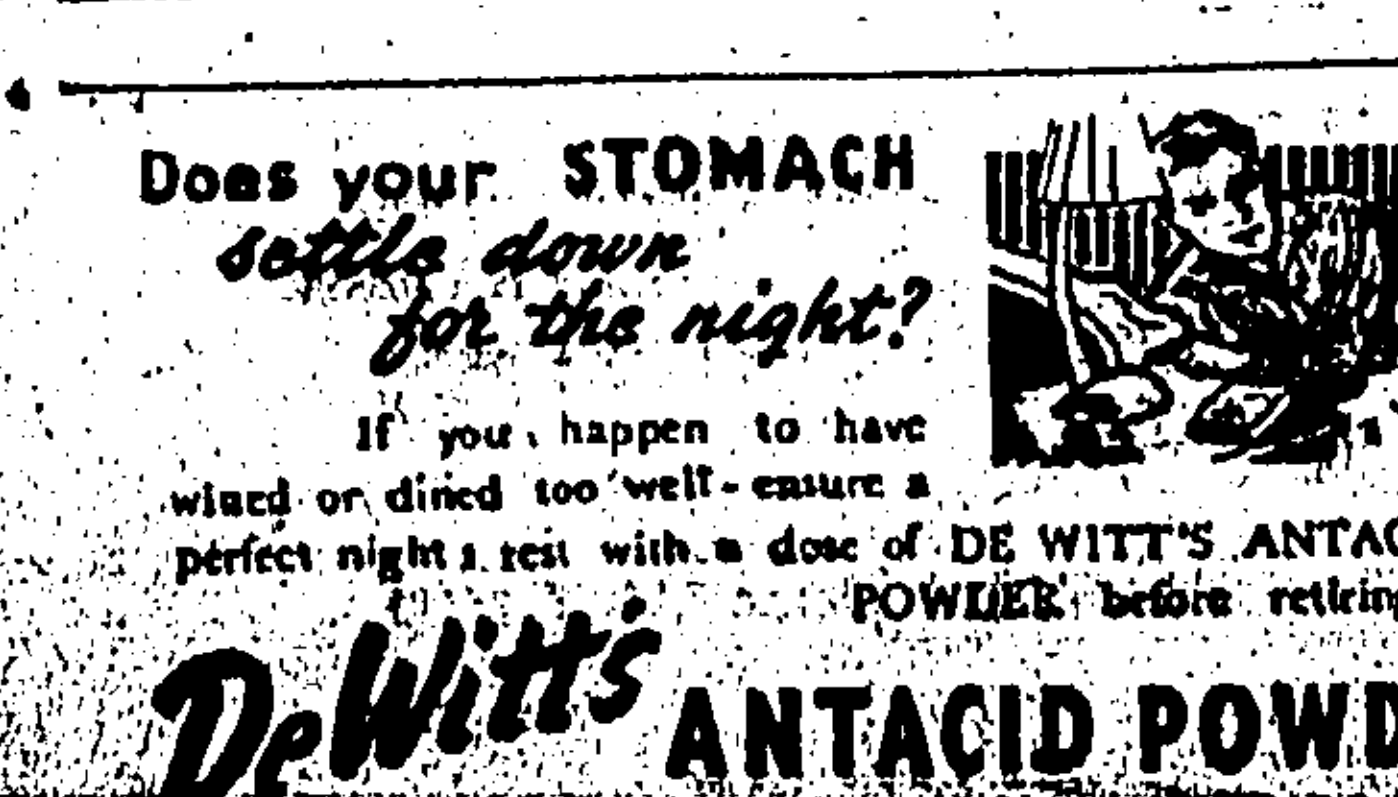
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MORE REINFORCEMENTS FOR GARRISON ARRIVE

CNAC Not Taking Over Bailey's Shipyard Site

Mr. Ho Feng-yuen, the local manager of the China National Aviation Corporation, denied the report that the CNAC has bought the Bailey's Shipyard site at Tung Hum to house its workshops.

Forty trim khaki-clad nurses bound for duty in the 33 General Hospital (La Salle College) arrived from the United Kingdom yesterday together with some 1,000 military personnel by HMT Empire Ken.

This is believed to be the fourth last troopship to bring reinforcements to the Colony.

Confidence Felt In Canton

(Continued from Page 1)
A military conference presided over by Acting President Li Tsung-shan yesterday decided on a counter-offensive which was to be launched from the Canton area.

The Eastern Prince (due today), the Empire Pride and the hospital ship El Nil are arriving within this month with the last groups of troops.

The counter-offensive which has been under way for some time is the air offensive which has stepped up considerably during the past three days. A bomber squadron taking off from here for the first time yesterday bombed local Communists in Loiling on the East River and Kanchow in South Kiangsi.

A report from Taiwan announced extensive air raids on September 11 and 12 on Shanghai where a 3,000-ton ship in Kiangnan Dockyard was hit and sunk.

The present lull was admitted this morning by the Communist Radio in Peking which announced war successes prior to September 6 and those of August.

There were no fresh reports of victories in the past two or three days.

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ARMY NURSES ARRIVE IN HK



Forty Army nurses were among reinforcements for the Colony's garrison who arrived in Hong Kong by the Empire Ken yesterday. Here the nurses are seen carrying their kit along Kowloon Wharf. ("China Mail" photo).

Charity Ball In Aid Of School For Deaf

A Michaelmas Fancy Dress Ball is being held on September 30 at the Gripps in aid of the Hong Kong School for the Deaf. It is being held under the kind patronage of Lady Grantham and is being organised by a committee of ladies whose chairman is Mrs. H. Talbot.

This School was re-opened after the war in its new premises at Diamond Hill as recently as February 19 this year when the Governor performed the opening ceremony.

A visit to the School will well repay the time expended on the journey part the Acropolis and up Diamond Hill. There are now five classes from kindergarten up to Class 4 of the Primary School. Their ages range from a pupil who was three before the war and is now 15 years old.

These children were either born deaf or have become deafened after the war in its new premises at Diamond Hill as recently as February 19 this year when the Governor performed the opening ceremony.

Now, however, they are learning to use their speech organs and to make sounds and to discover the sounds which they make indicate something to other people so that they can communicate their wants and some of their simpler thoughts without recourse to "sign language".

After long years of patient individual teaching by specially trained teachers, they can be taught to speak. Only very few of them can be taught to hear by means of a "Hearing Aid". All of them, however, learn to lip-read and so they can, to a limited extent, communicate with ordinary hearing folk. This means that after attending school for a full period they can emerge from the silent world in which they previously lived and take part in the normal life of Society.

The alternative is tragic. A deaf child is allowed to grow up dumb. He is deprived of education. He understands very little of the world in which he lives. He does not know how to contribute towards his well-being. He becomes a drag upon Society and more often than not only too quickly finds his way to the Courts having been arrested for stealing or begging, for he has learnt nothing better.

In the School for the Deaf, emphasis is laid upon activities and hobbies, so that the child connects his speech-work with life and learns to use his hands and eyes which are always going to be of more use to him than his ears.

Several children have shown considerable artistic talent. Those not so gifted have proved very intelligent and industrious in the work of a printing press; girls make good dress-makers and housewives; all have the chance of being turned into useful citizens.

In the school building there is a clinic where not only the pupils of the School but deaf people of the community may have an ear-test after being introduced by

Reminders

Today

YMCA Debating Group Meeting at European YMCA, Kowloon, 6.30 p.m.

European YMCA Mahjong Lessons, 8 p.m. (West Lounge). No charge for Servicemen.

Inter-Services Swimming Championships, Victoria Barracks Pool, 3.30 p.m.

The II Meeting, Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m. Speaker: Mr. J.C. McDouall, Social Welfare Officer.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Moody. Subject: "Taberculosis".

Y's Men's Club Luncheon, Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, 1 p.m. Speaker: Right Rev. Bishop R.O. Hall. Subject: "On Defending Hong Kong".

European YMCA—"The Barnstormers" will entertain. (West Lounge). Jolly Variety Show for Troops, 8 p.m. No charge.

Hong Kong Women's International Club, Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

RAF Association Film Show "Way to the Stars" at the Lee Theatre, 9.30 p.m. in aid of RAF Benevolent Fund.

FRENCH PARATROOPS IN INDO-CHINA

Saigon, September 13.

Nine hundred French paratroops dropped in an operation launched on August 18 in the Vinh Yen Viet Tri and Lam Dao area, 30 miles North West of Hanoi, have reached their objective usually well-informed quarters stated here today.

This success was accomplished in the face of strong counter-attacks from the Vietnamese troops. Important French reinforcements in men and equipment continue to arrive in Tonkin despite the late heavy rainfalls, the same quarter added.—Reuter.

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Application For Eviction Refused By Court

An application by the principal tenant of 25 Ashley Road, Miss S. M. Remedios, for an eviction order against a sub-tenant residing at the top floor, Mrs. A. Soares, was refused by the Tenancy Tribunal yesterday.

The application was based on the grounds that the conduct of the tenant constituted a nuisance and annoyance to the landlord and the other tenants of the house.

Mr. W. H. Latimer, Tribunal Chairman, ruled however that though some of the disturbances in question had been proved they did not constitute a real annoyance, which had been established since the commencement of the action.

Mr. A.S.C. Comber of Hastings and Company represented the applicant. The opponent was represented by Mr. J. C. Stewart of Russ and Stewart.

The case for the applicant was that the opponent locked a bathroom, situated at the top floor of the premises, which was for the use of the applicant, opponent, and all the other tenants.

She also claimed the opponent kept a dog of ferocious disposition in the top floor of the house. This dog continually barked, growled, and disturbed passers using the stairs.

Abusive Amah. Applicant further claimed that the passage leading to the rear roof of the house was used by the opponent as a sleeping quarters for her amah. This amah had on certain occasions with the encouragement of the opponent been abusive to the applicant in the presence of other occupants of the place, as well as being a nuisance to the applicant.

A further ground set forward is that the opponent's daughter creates a disturbance at night by playing the radio at full volume and conducting this same work after the hour of 12 midnight.

HK DESERTERS HANDED OVER

Canton, September 13.

Two deserters from the British Army in Hong Kong, who were held by the Kwangtung Peace Preservation Corps, have now been handed over to the British and are on Shamen Island.

They are eating today in the British Consulate-General compound, and will be sent back to the Colony as soon as possible.

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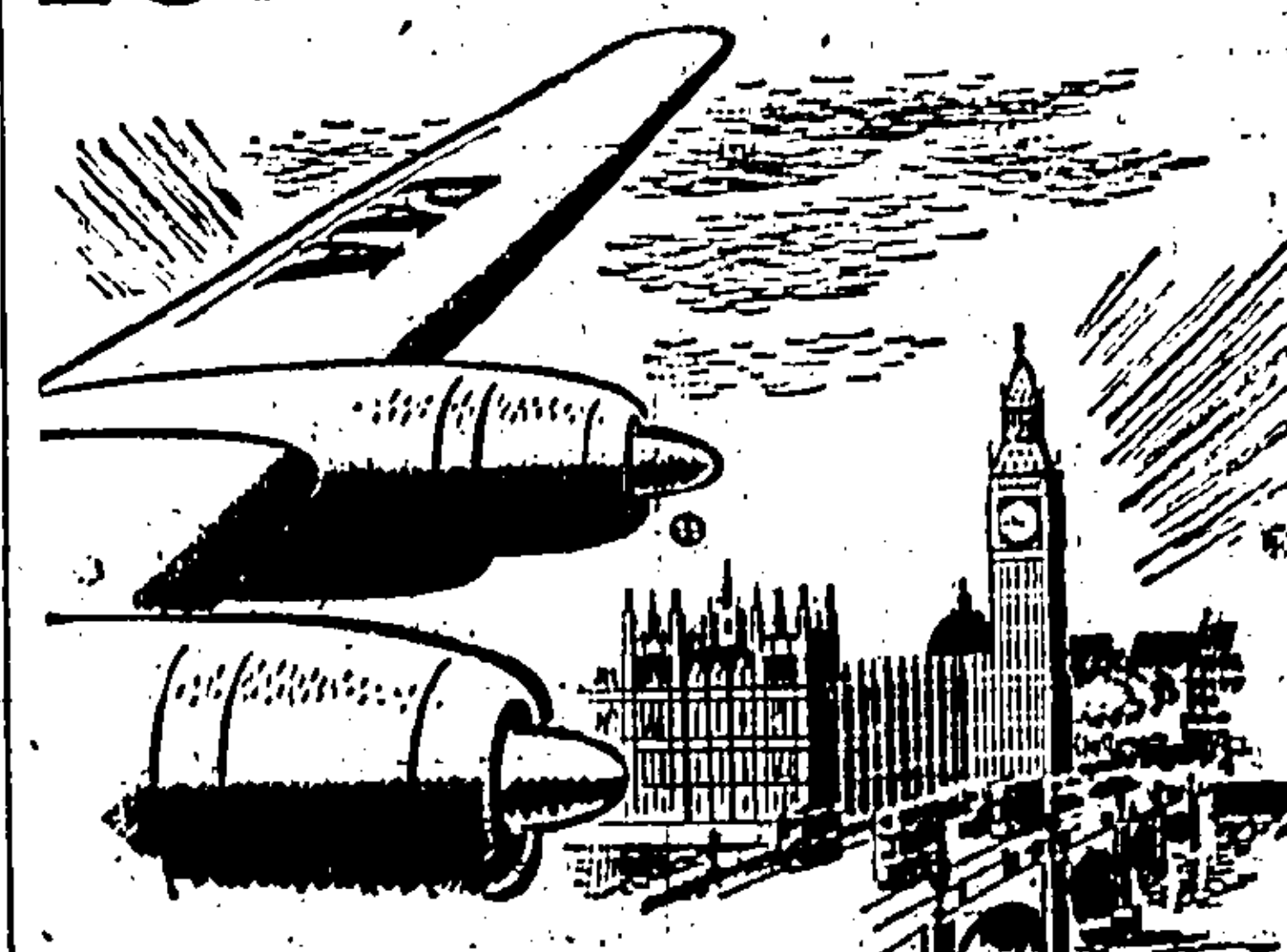
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From now on all applica-
tions regarding registration of
new schools and change of
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be made to the Main Office of
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Telephone Building, Leighton
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Remarks.—Marked with red
flag by day and a green light
by night.

Charts affected.—3280.

Authority.—Marine Depart-
ment, Hong Kong.

N. GARLAND,
Acting
Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, Sept. 9, 1949.

NOTICE

On September 4, 1949, at
about 12.10 hours a Traffic
Accident occurred near the
bridge at Ruttonjee Dispen-
sary on Castle Peak Road in
which a c/m child was knock-
ed down and received injuries
which have since proved fatal.

Any persons witnessing the
accident or who can give any
information are asked to com-
municate with the Traffic
Office, Kowloon or with any
other Police Stations.

COMMISSIONER OF
POLICE.

September 13, 1949.

NOTICE

On September 10, 1949, at
about 23.55 hours a Traffic
Accident occurred on Tai Po
Road at the junction of Castle
Peak Road in which a c/m
pedestrian was knocked down
and received fatal injuries.
The vehicle concerned did not
stop.

Any persons witnessing the
accident or who can give any
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NOTICE

TO THE PORTUGUESE
COMMUNITY

Registration of Portuguese
children (beginners) for the
Kindergarten School which is
to be started on the 19th Sep-
tember, 1949, at the Club de
Recreio, King's Park, Kowloon,
will be accepted on the 15th,
16th and 17th of September,
1949, between the hours of 10
a.m. and 12 noon, at the Club
de Recreio, Miss Lilla Gan
will be in charge of the Re-
gistration.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry
Forms for the 7th Race Meeting
to be held on Saturday, 24th
September, 1949, (weather
permitting) may be obtained
at the Secretary's Office, Tele-
phone House; the Club House,
Happy Valley; and the Stables,
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Further Evidence In Quarry Case

Further evidence was given
before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kow-
loon yesterday in the case of
four Government employees of
the Hok On Quarry, Hung-
shum, who are charged with
three counts of larceny by
public servants.

Defendants in the case are
Kwok Lok, aged 43, former fore-
man, Choi Wing-pun, aged 31,
clerk, Wong Hing-fan, aged 29,
general official, and Wong Hing-
kan, aged 23, mixer foreman.
First defendant was repre-
sented by Mr. V. L. D'Alton, in-
structed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, second
to fourth by Mr. C. E. Loseby,
KC, instructed by Mr. J. C. Ste-
wart, Mr. A. Shaw, Acting As-
sistant Superintendent of Police,
attached to Anti-Corruption
Branch, is for the prosecution.

It was alleged by the prose-
cution that defendants stole 23
cubic yards of tarred stones on
July 5, 11 and 12 from the Hok
On Quarry at Maitland Road,
Hungshum.

Giving evidence yesterday,
Ngai Chau, a subcontractor, testi-
fied that on July 3, he received
a small contract from the Yau
Song Contractor. The work con-
sisted of raising a dangerous por-
tion of the Ho Tung Bridge at
On Long with tarred gravel.
Yau Song, the contractor, asked
him to get some tarred stones,
witness said. He contacted first
defendant whom he knew to be
working at the Government
Quarry and asked him whether
he could supply him with 10 cubic
yards of tarred stones from the
Government. First defendant told
him that he could supply him
with the stones, and the price
would be \$30 per cubic yard.

Witness went on to say that on
July 5, three lorry-loads of tar-
red stones were delivered at
different hours to the Ho Tung
Bridge. The same lorry which
delivered the three loads of
stones, was driven by one, Li
Chuen-wah, witness said.

On the night of July 6, he
gave \$300 to first defendant who
then gave him \$100 in cash.
Witness further stated that on
July 11, he received another
contract from Yau Song Con-
tractor, to work on road services at
Wo Hop Shek (191-mile-stone),
New Territories. That night, he
went to first defendant's house
and asked him if he could buy
seven cubic yards of "white" stones
(untarred). He told first defend-
ant that he needed two lorry-
loads. The price per cubic yard
was \$18.

On July 16, witness paid first
defendant the sum of \$120 which
he had obtained from Yau Song
Contractor. This time, he did not
get any money from first defend-
ant witness continued.

About four days later, police
took him to Wo Hop Shek where
he pointed out the untarred
stones to the police, witness con-
cluded.

After further evidence was
given, the case was adjourned to
10 a.m. today.

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Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the Office
of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the
special Cash Sweep on the last race as well as those for the
"Kwungtung Handicap" to be run at the Double Tenth Race Meeting
on 8th October, 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last
race and those for the "Kwungtung Handicap" may be purchased also
at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSEURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies
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Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE
MEMBERS' ENCLOSEURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and
Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary
on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member
to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale
at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will be open at 11 a.m. and
the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor,
Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House
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NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PRE-
MISES DURING THE MEETING.

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SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only,
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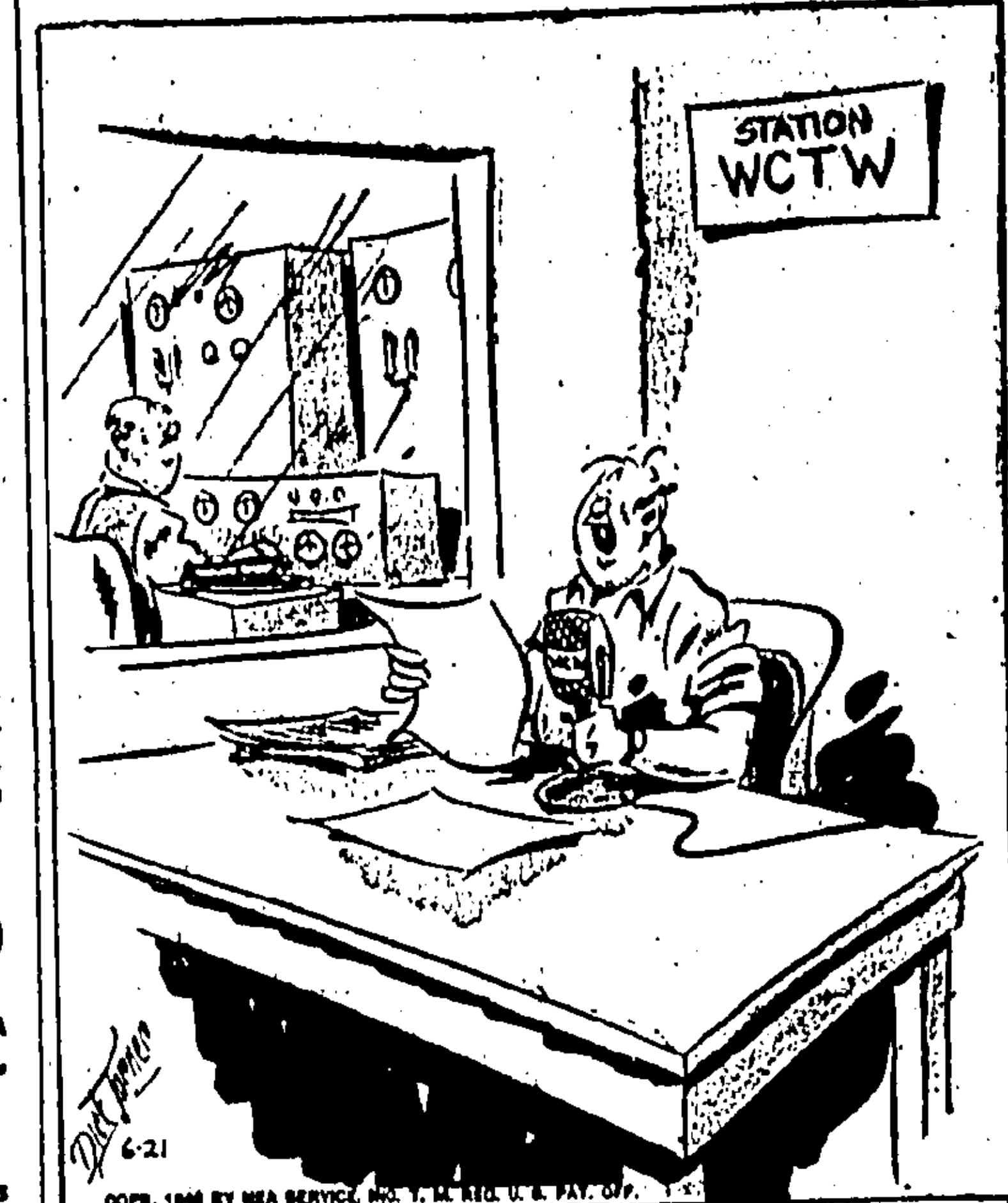


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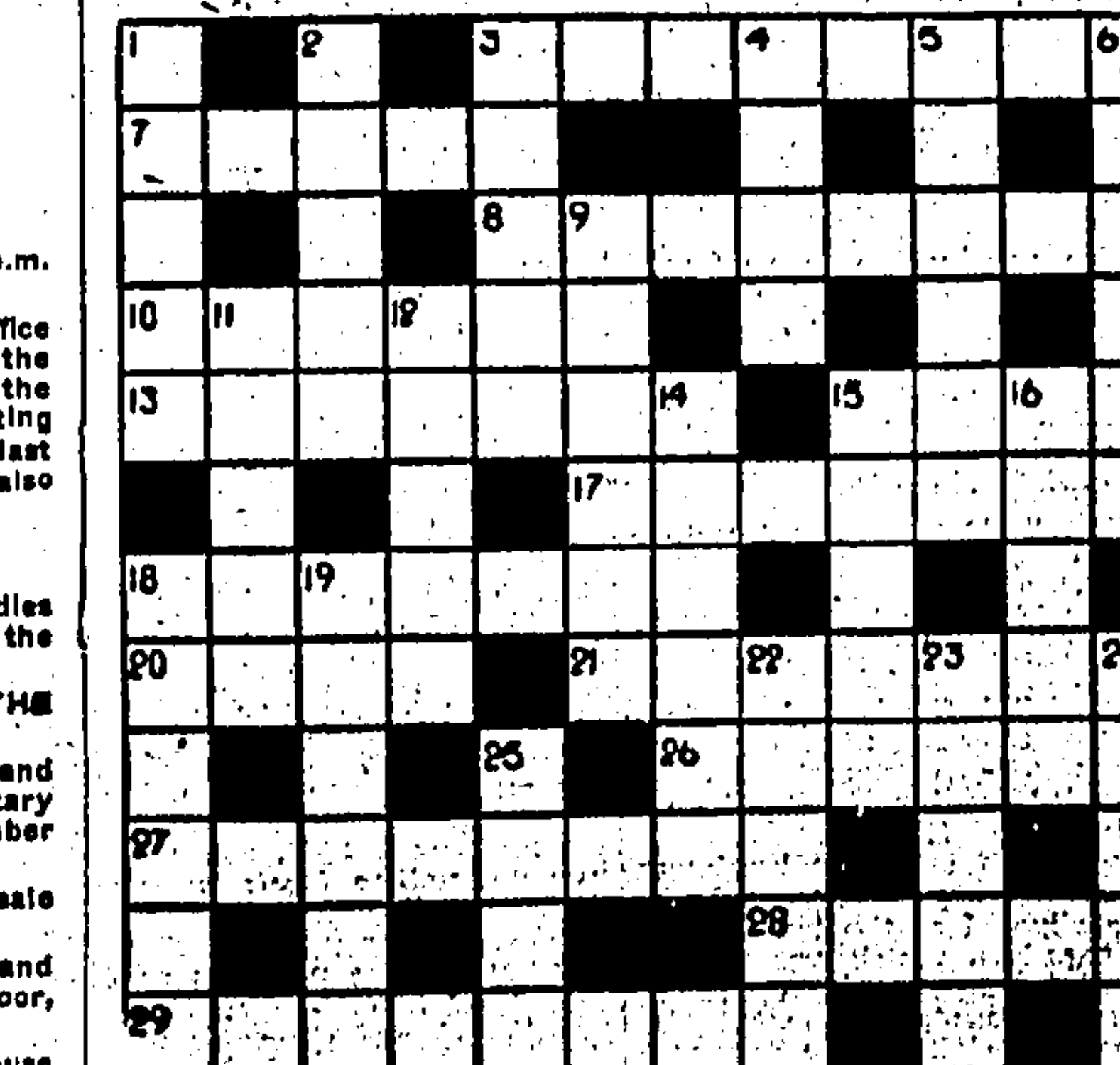
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H K Q J
DA 8 2
CA 10 5

(Dealer: North. Both sides vul-
nerable).
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 H 2 D
3 NT
Everybody was jittery as the
train sped toward its last stop
with maybe just enough time to
close out the final rubber if every
body hurried. North, with his
cards only partly sorted, passed
before the saw spade A, hid-
den behind another card. South
opened the bidding in a hurry.
He later said he could swear he
had bid a spade, but all of the
others heard him distinctly bid
1-Heart.

Tomorrow's Problem
S K 7 2
H 7 4
D Q J 6
C K 8 3
S A 8
HA 10 2
DA 5
CA J 10
6 4 2
S Q J 10 9 5 3
H K Q J
DK 8
C Q 7

Dealer: South. East-West vul-
nerable).
Why is this deal like a hand-
cap race when South gets one
too high, into 4-Spades?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
3 Food of the gods.
7 Tales of heroism.
8 Contrite.
10 Animal.
12 Decorated.
15 Endorsement on.
17 passport.
18 Diversify.
20 Posing.
20 Fewer.
21 Rabbits.
23 Thrift.
27 Tube.
28 Unpleasant.
29 Uppity.
Down
1 Place of pilgrimage.
2 Musical instrument.
3 Shivering.
4 Destroy.
5 Bullion.
6 Off track.
9 Team.
11 Worship.
12 Copies.
14 Injury.
15 Watch.
16 Place of rock.
18 Calm.
19 Gnomes.
22 Gnomes.
23 direction.
25 More advanced.
26 years.
28 Remains.
29 Soon.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—1. Scarab, 5. Issue, 8. Paint, 9. Larder, 10. Yapid, 11. Solar, 12. Come, 13. Ledge, 14. Deride, 15. Elated, 16. Fedan, 17. Dear, 18. Tides, 19. Tides, 20. Sud, 21. Dry, 22. Tides, 23. Starve, 24. Down, 25. Artifice.

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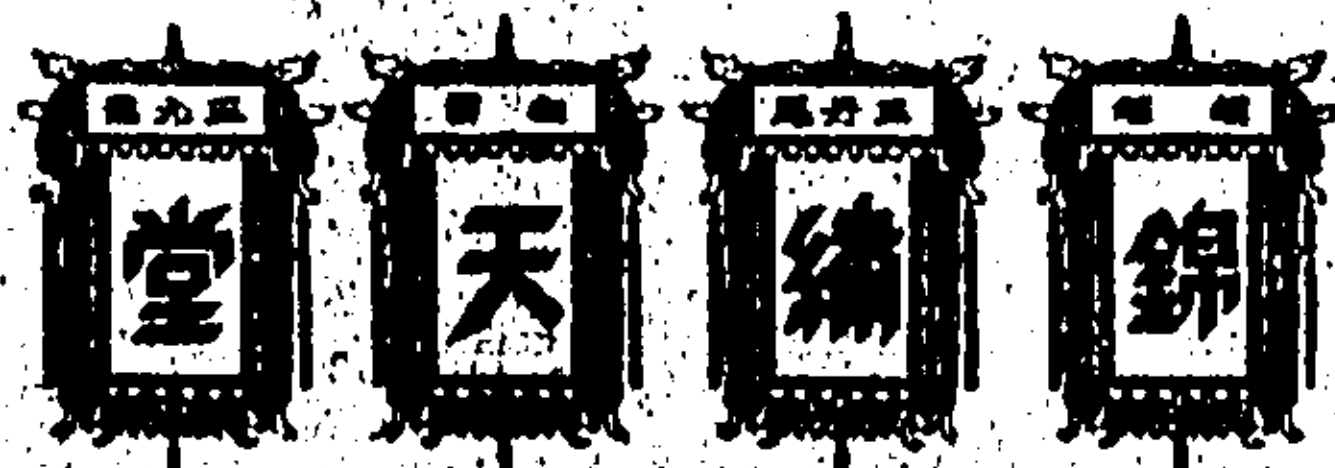
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EX-SCHOOL TEACHER GERMANS' PRESIDENT

Bonn, September 12.

Theodor Heuss, white-haired, 67-year-old leader of the Free Democrats (Liberals), and a former school-teacher, was elected first President of the new Germany today.

Four hundred and sixteen members of the 804 Delegate Federal Convention, representing the people of Western Germany, chose their first President since Hitler abolished the office last held by Field-Marshal von Hindenburg.

BRITISH WATER SHORTAGE

London, September 12. Britain's water supply will be seriously threatened unless there is substantial rainfall within the next six weeks, the British Waterworks Association stated today.

Every house, factory, ship and office must reduce consumption until long and substantial rains refill the reservoirs, rivers and wells, it added.

Very little rain has fallen in the last four months, and meteorologists say that there is no sign of rain in the near future.

Reports of lack of water have been coming in from all parts of the country, particularly from the rural areas.

In South Devon, many villages are without water and fire brigades have been busy replenishing dried-up wells.

At many places the domestic supply is cut daily from 5.00 p.m. until 6.00 a.m.

The position in some places on the North East coast is described as critical.

About 200,000 people in South East Northumberland are threatened with a stoppage of all water supplies because the Forth River at Rothbury, which normally contains 720,000,000 gallons, has become dry.

Water is being supplied from Newcastle, but this is strictly limited by the capacity of the capacity of the pipe-lines.

Water-carts are standing by and 500-gallon tanks are being taken by truck to strategic points.

Londoners have so far not been affected by the shortage except that they must not use water for gardens and sports grounds on more than two days a week.

Reuter.

Vampire Killer In Wax

London, September 12. Madame Tussaud's wax office of John Haigh was just as spruce and dapper today as the famed little acid slayer in his palmist days.

A Tussaud employee arrayed the effigy in the green suit, red and green tie and beige shirt; he bequeathed to the famous wax-works museum just before the rope closed his career on August 10.

As the trim, little murderer wished, the trousers have a razor edge crease, and Haigh red handkerchief flares jauntily from his breast pocket.

Haigh was sentenced to death at Lewes, Sussex, on July 19 after a jury found him guilty of murdering Mrs. Olive Durand Dence, a 69-year-old widow, and dissolving the body in a sulphuric acid bath.

Trying to prove himself insane, Haigh claimed he killed nine persons and drank their blood.—Associated Press.

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THE BOY WITH GREEN HAIR

Dr. Heuss accepted the presidency.

His victory came on a second ballot of 800 votes cast after a first ballot had proved inconclusive.

The other two candidates, the one-armed, one-legged Social Democrat, Dr. Kurt Schumacher, and the Centre Party's Rudolf Amelunxen, got 312 and 30 votes, respectively.

Dr. Heuss has led the presidential field ever since Dr. Konrad Adenauer urged his Christian Democrat Party to cement the planned right wing coalition by supporting Dr. Heuss for President.

There were 37 abstentions and three void ballots in the second vote. Two votes were cast for Dr. Schumacher, who was not officially nominated.

Three delegates who voted the first time did not take part in the second ballot and remained outside the Chamber.

German Unity

The only smudge the bitterest critics of Dr. Heuss have been able to find on his record is that as a Liberal Democrat member of the Reichstag in 1933 he voted in favour of the Act which brought Hitler to power. Later he was interrogated by the Gestapo but never arrested, though one of his books, called "Hitler's Way", was burned in Nazi bonfires.

After taking the oath today, President Heuss said: "I have had quite enough of a policy of pushing each other with our elbows. The post to which I have been called is not one where elbows should be used. It is above the political fight."

"I hope we shall succeed in bringing about the unity of Germany out of the present chaos," Heuss added.

"The fate of Berlin lies near to my heart as I have spent half my life in that city. Berlin's fate is tied to Western Germany but we must not forget that the fate of the whole of Germany is tied to Berlin."

"Eastern Germany is not only a vast potato field; it is the homeland of German men," the new President said. "It is German land—and we cannot give it up."

National Feeling

"Germany needs Europe but Europe, too, needs Germany," he continued.

"We are faced with the great task of creating a new national feeling. We do not want centralism. National Socialism has shown us where that would lead."

"The States (Laender) should have their own life but not their own separate life. We do not want any standardised Germans."

"Conscious of my responsibility, I accept this office, and in doing so I set it and our common work above all," Heuss concluded.

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Germans Cheer New President

Bonn, September 12.

The bells of Bonn broke into triumphant peals as Dr. Theodor Heuss, first President of the German Federal Republic, stepped out of Parliament House tonight.

There, waiting for him, was a Mercedes-Benz decorated with flowers and streamers. Preceded by police and escorted by cyclists on gaily coloured machines, the President drove at walking pace into the centre of the city.

All along the routes crowds clapped and cheered.

Streamers and flags hung from the ruins of the university at Bonn and students joined in the applause at the procession passed.—Reuter.

COLONIAL SHOW TO GO ON TOUR

London, September 12.

Provincial Britain is to have an opportunity to see a smaller edition of the Colonial Exhibition which has attracted half a million visitors during the past 12 weeks in London.

Mr. David Rees Williams, Parliamentary Secretary of State for the Colonies, said today that a similar exhibition will tour all the principal towns in England, Scotland and Wales during 1950 and 1951.

At the exhibition today, Mr. Rees Williams presented a pewter tankard, an example of the tin produce of Malaya, to one of the 500 visitors to the show, a Londoner.

The exhibition closes next Saturday.—Reuter.

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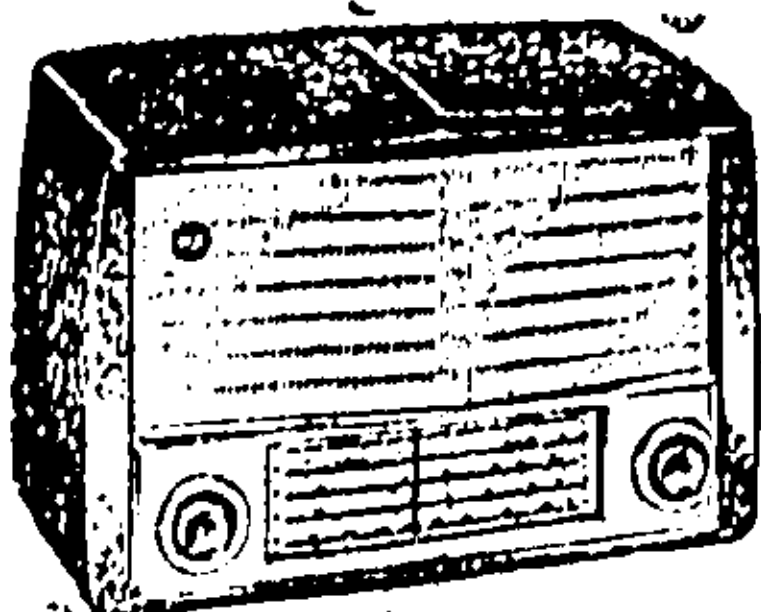
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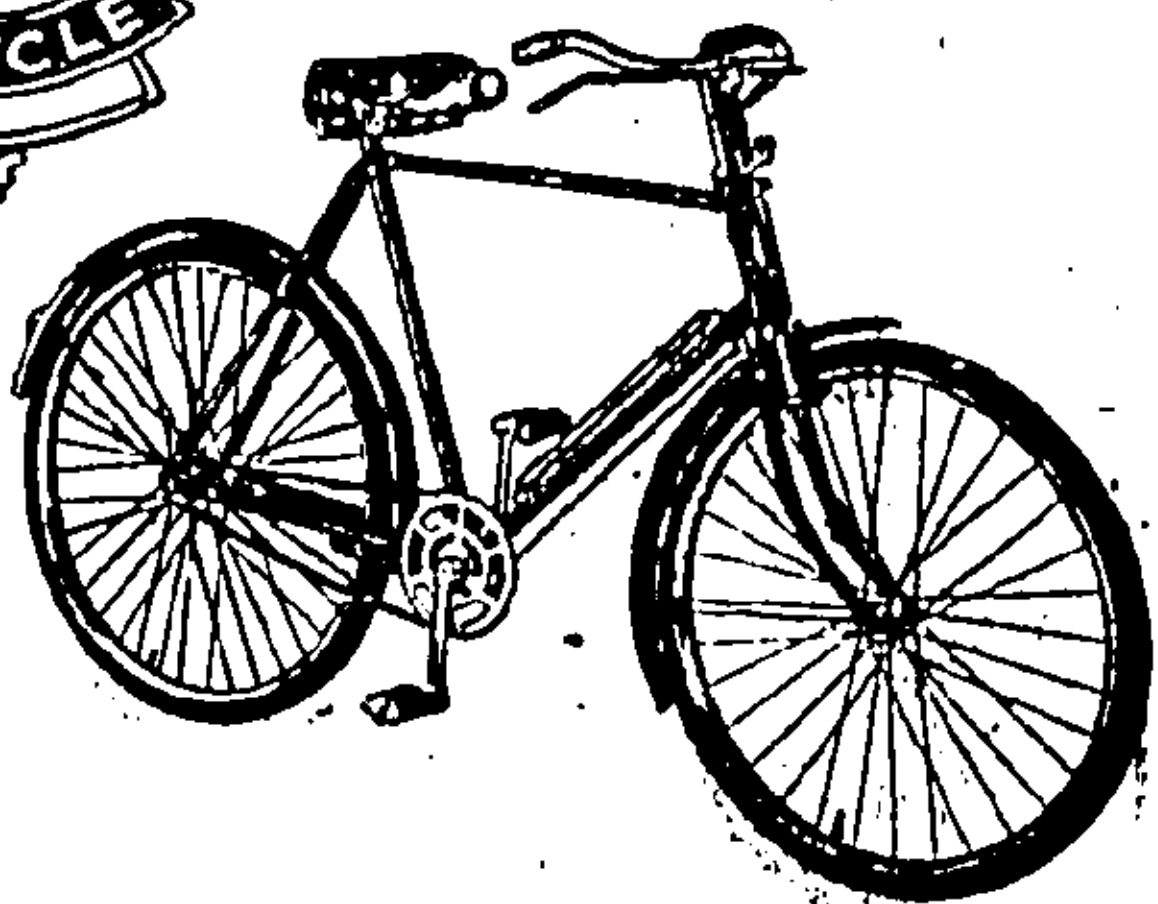


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Guerilla Activity In Yugoslavia?

London, September 12.
Moscow Radio asserted tonight that guerilla fighting against Marshal Tito has broken out in Yugoslavia.
Quoting "Novo Borba," a Yugoslav exile organ in Czechoslovakia, Moscow said one guerilla unit in Slovenia "executed" several Tito criminals who had committed crimes against the peasants.
It added: "Guerilla units have appeared in many parts of Yugoslavia."
Moscow has openly urged Yugoslavia to overthrow the Tito régime, which is at logger-heads with Russia because Marshal Tito's Communists insist on following an independent course.—Associated Press.

Jewish Premier's Narrow Escape

Tel Aviv, September 12.
A visitor in the public gallery of Israel's Parliament aimed a Sten gun at the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, today.
The whole Parliament, at its final session before adjournment, rose in uproar as the visitor pointed the gun at Mr. Ben Gurion as he crossed the floor of the house.

Burbling By Soviet Disciples

London, September 13.
Scientist J. D. Bernal, one of the British delegates to the Moscow "peace congress," said last night that the Russians are trying to make the atom bomb only "for their own defence."

Professor Bernal, at a joint press conference with the "red" Dean of Canterbury, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, who returned from Moscow last night, said: "It is due to American insistence on making atom bombs that the present situation exists. The Russians are trying to make the atom bomb but for defence only."

Professor Bernal returned from Moscow one day ahead of Dr. Johnson whom he met at the airport.
The two personal visitors to Moscow repeated the statements they made there belittling Western efforts in the war.
Professor Bernal said it was not the atom bomb which defeated Japan, but the knowledge of the overwhelming strength of the Red Army.
Dr. Johnson said there is absolute freedom of religion everywhere in the Soviet Union.—United Press.

AIR PACT TALKS

New Delhi, September 12.
The Government announced today that the India-Philippines talks for a bilateral air agreement will be resumed at New Delhi on Wednesday.
It added that three more delegates are arriving from Manila to join the present three-man Philippine delegation.—Associated Press.

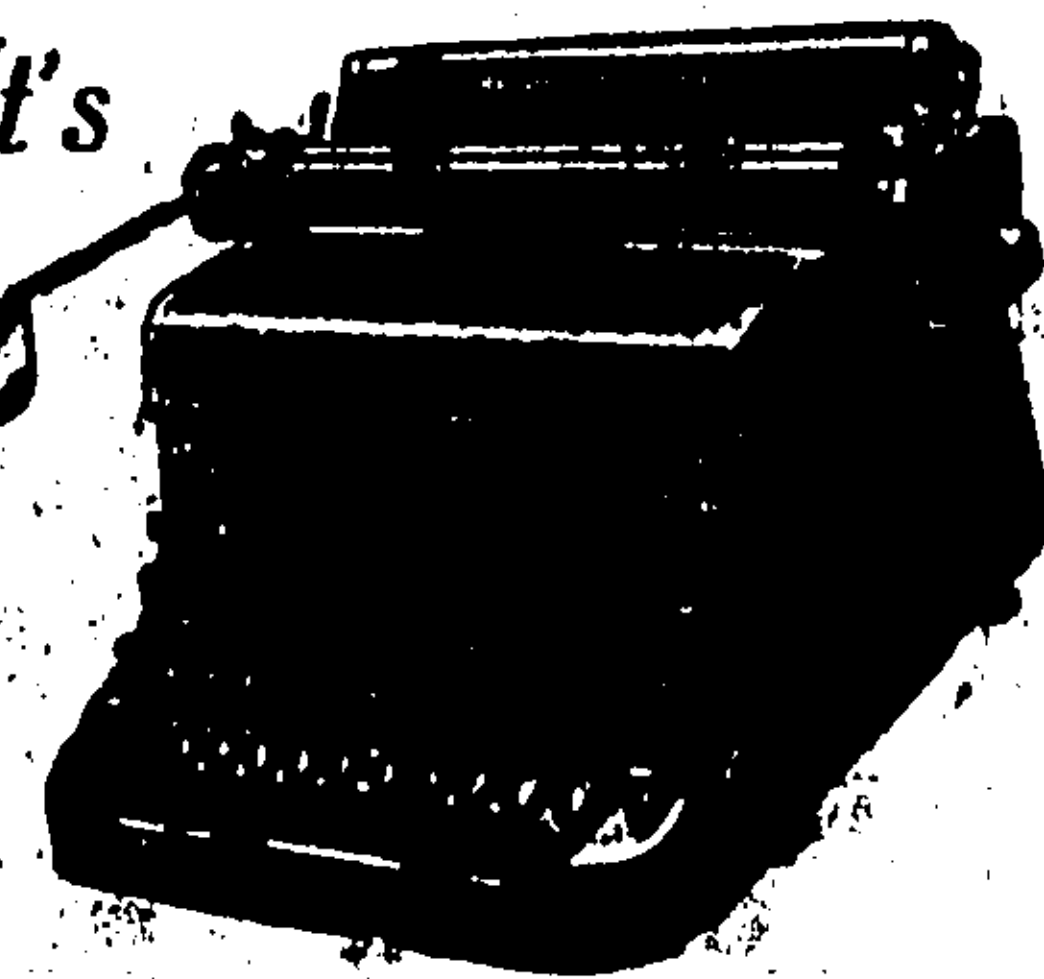
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Bourges, September 12.
The glory of the ancient Austrian court revived here today with the wedding of blonde Archduchess Elizabeth Therese, daughter of Emperor Charles I of Austria, and Prince Henri of Liechtenstein.
The 27-year-old Archduchess, posthumous daughter of Charles I of Austria, last Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, was married at Liechtenstein here.

She was wearing an ivory-while satin dress, a lace veil and the diamond diadem of the 18th century Austrian Empress Marie Theresia. Her train was carried by two little girls, Marie Desprez and Cecile de Bourbon-Parme, who were dressed in purple silk.

Before the religious ceremony in the church of Liechtenstein, a formal ceremony took place on Sunday night at the Chateau. Known as the "family statute," it is performed for the Royalties to show that they marry within their rank.

This ceremony in the ancient Austrian court was directed by the Grand Marshal of the Palace. Since that function has now disappeared with the Court, it was performed by Count Charles Esterhazy with Archduke Otto signing for the Hapsburgs and the reigning Prince Joseph in the name of Liechtenstein, with Prince Xavier of Bourbon-Parme attending.

This morning, the Mayor of Liechtenstein presided over the civil ceremony a few hours before the wedding in church.

At the town hall, Archduchess Elizabeth Charlotte was wearing a blue tailored suit while Prince Henri was dressed in a dark-grey striped suit. The couple will go to their honeymoon in the Var Department.—Associated Press.

"WORLD WAR IS ON THE WAY"

Manila, September 13.
In a political speech in Surigao, North Eastern Mindanao, President Quirino said another world conflict is approaching and may come three or four years from now.

According to the President, the coming struggle will be between democracy, led by the United States, and Communism, led by Russia.

Referring to Communism, Mr. Quirino said the Philippines is threatened by the new ideology spreading in Asia.
The warning of another global conflict was made by Mr. Quirino as he attacked his rival presidential candidate, particularly the Nacionalista candidate, Jose Laurel, whom he accused of being an "enemy" of the United States. He said also the Philippines could depend on the United States for assistance in case of another war.—United Press.

BURMA RICE PROSPECTS

Rangoon, September 12.
The Burmese Government expects to exceed their total rice exports this year by 877,307 tons. Instead of exporting the 250,000 tons to which they expect to export 135,000 tons of rice during September alone.
Burma's stocks for domestic needs stand at 2,685,172 tons. Her rice exports between October, 1948 and July, 1949, brought in more than 500,000,000 rupees, it was stated in the Burmese Parliament today.—Associated Press.

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TITO DELUGED WITH PLEDGES OF LOYALTY

Belgrade, September 12.
Officers and men of Yugoslavia's Navy pledged to Marshal Tito today their readiness to defend all attacks "regardless if they come from the East or the West, regardless if they are led by Churchill or Stalin."
In a telegram sent from the Adriatic port of Split, they denounced the Cominform's bitter campaign and "dirty intentions" against their country as futile.

"Such insults and such hostile attitudes cannot frighten us," they said.
"We are convinced victory will be ours, because we are defending a just cause, because we are faithful to the teachings of Marx and Lenin."

The message pledged both loyalty and readiness "to fulfil all tasks set before it. Sailors, soldiers and officers of the Yugoslav Navy are not sorry and will not be sorry to give their lives in defending the liberty and independence of the Socialist homeland."
Tito today also affirmed Yugoslavia's ability "steered by the tremendous experiences" of the Second World War—to overcome "all difficulties" just as she did past problems.

"Foreign Lies"

He gave a brief talk in Belgrade to engineers and workers from the motor factory at Na Rakovica, which has developed three new types of tractor as part of the country's campaign for more industrialisation.

RAILWAY WORKERS PROTEST

London, September 12.
British railway workers raised a last and threatening protest today against the decision of a Board of Conciliation denying them general wage increases.
From Scotland to the Southern tip of England, local groups of the Union of Railwaymen demanded a renewal of one of Britain's most troublesome labour disputes.

Some voted an immediate "work to rule" or go slow programme to emphasise their anger.
The railway wage dispute involving most organised employees of the nationalised railway system has been sizzling all Summer.

Many units of the National Union of Railwaymen have ignored Government requests for freezing of wages and insisted that their labour leaders continue to demand upward adjustments.
Working to rule, with the railway's book of rules, has in the past delayed and congested both freight and passenger traffic on Britain's railways.

The National Executive of Britain's 500,000-strong Railwaymen's Union today decried the consideration of the rejection of their higher wages' claim until they have heard further reaction from their branches throughout the country.
The Executive's present quarterly session is to last two weeks and is expected to deal with the wages' situation.
Several hundred men in Worthington, Lancashire, have started a "go slow" movement in protest and men in the Maryhill branch of Glasgow are due to take similar action at midnight tonight.

The Railway Executive, which runs the nationalised railways, has announced that it accepted the Conciliation Board's ruling, which included a number of concessions of minor claims by the union.—Associated Press and Reuter.

ILO And Japanese Trade

Lake Success, September 12.
The International Labour Organization today called for re-integration of Japan's economy with world economy not only in the interest of Japan but of the world as a whole.

The report was based on the findings of a group of labour experts who spent five weeks in Japan studying Japanese agriculture and industry, and talking with the United States occupation authorities.

The experts recommended: "Japan's economy must needs be re-integrated with world economy not only in the interests of Japan but of the world as a whole."
They said, however, that before this can be achieved Japan must guarantee not only to maintain but to redouble its improvement in labour standards and social conditions.

The report added: "While it is hardly possible to underestimate the predicament in which the country is placed, morbid pessimism is by no means justified."

"A land with people as industrious, adaptable, patient and capable of forging ahead as the Japanese need not despair of the future."

"As has been proved in the case of several small countries of Europe, meagre natural resources do not necessarily constitute an insurmountable obstacle to progress."

Criticising the state of present labour practices in Japan, the experts urged that a strong, independent and responsible trade union movement be formed.
The experts said that employees are interfering in union activities.—United Press.

"TITO REGIME CANNOT LAST"

New York, September 12.
Dr. Vlasimir Gutrat, Czechoslovak Ambassador to the United States, predicted today that Marshal Tito's regime in Yugoslavia will not last.

Mr. Gutrat arrived aboard the liner Queen Mary after returning to his country to make a routine report.

The rift between Tito and the Kremlin is deepening very quickly, Gutrat said.

"There are good reasons why Tito's defiance will not last very long," he said.
"Tito will not change his policy but the regime will not last."
Asked by reporters whether he referred to the possibility of civil war in Yugoslavia, the ambassador replied: "That is also possible. I think the Yugoslav people will get him (Tito) out some way."—Reuter.

MALTESE FOR QUEENSLAND

Brisbane, September 12.
The Acting Australian Commissioner for Malta, Mr. F.C. Corder, said here today that the Immigration of Maltese to Queensland will be speeded up from now on.

Mr. Corder, who was commenting on talks he has had with the Commonwealth Immigration Department, said the conference had facilitated the entry of Maltese migrants. Almost all of them would go to North Queensland, he added.—Reuter.

Amalgamation Of German Right

Frankfurt, September 12.
Three extreme right-wing political parties announced today that they will unite in Western Germany under the name of the "National Right" (Nationals Rechte).

The union will bring together the German Right Party (Deutsche Rechte Partei), the German Conservative Party (Deutsche Konservative Partei), and the National Democratic Party (Nationals Demokratische Partei).

"We hope to form one big Conservative party," said Helmut Leuchters, chairman of the National Right Party, and the German Conservative Party, pooling their forces in the recent parliamentary election won five seats with a total vote of 42,000.
The National Democratic Party, the Free Democratic Party, and the Free Democratic Party, it was so seen on its own, but the Free Democratic Party became the third strongest throughout Western Germany.
Leuchters said his group does not expect to become a member of the Conservative right-wing Coalition, which will form the new West German Cabinet.
"But we will support such a coalition if it does not include Socialists and if it does good work in the national sense. And I do not mean Nationalists," he added with emphasis.
"We are not Nationalists, and we are not Hitlerites," he said.
"We oppose Communism and Socialism. We support a free economy, free private ownership, a United States of Europe with a single currency and free trade between all countries," he added.—Associated Press.

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ENGAGEMENT

WILCOX - TINDALL. — Jennie
Doreen Wilcox and John
William Tindall announced their
engagement on Monday
night.

MILITARY AFFAIRS

The arrival of British troops in Hong Kong has become almost a regular event, as the Colony's garrison has been increased to the largest figure it has ever known. A further thousand men were landed yesterday, and by the end of this month the last of the main quota should be installed. The task then will be one of settling the men down and familiarising them with local conditions, especially in the New Territories.

Despite the potentialities of the situation, the military authorities have not tried to prevent the Press from publishing news of troop movements, disposition etc., and General Festing has been most helpful to correspondents seeking information.

The attitude is a very sensible one. Pompous attempts at secrecy in a place such as this are largely doomed to failure. A thousand people can see a vessel docking and make a good estimate of the number of men she carries. There is only one main road system in the territories capable of being used in all weathers, and most camps are near a village, so that even a semi-skilled observer can have little difficulty in gauging the quantity and quality of equipment, etc.

Further, many of the lads are very young, and only too willing to talk to a stranger who shows them hospitality. And they have been talking. Whatever instructions have already been issued, we would recommend to the Army that explanatory addresses by experts in local conditions be given to all soldiers. This is not England, and thoughtless remarks can be easily distorted. Also, the significance of "face" might be underlined; it is easy to lose and difficult to recover.

Considering the very large numbers of men and the—as yet—small provision of amenities, the newcomers have behaved exceptionally well. It is impossible to prevent entirely the occasional display of drunkenness, the odd squabble with the ricksha coolie, but any reasonable observer will admit that such lapses are definitely the exception.

Conditions should be materially improved when the various plans of the Forces Welfare Committee are put into operation. We understand that much work is now being done by this volunteer organisation to realise their hopes, but would suggest that regular publicity would materially help their cause. There has been no word about recent donations, possibly because anonymity was requested, but announcements about the sums themselves would certainly lead others to contribute the much-needed capital.

NO TELEPHONE

From time to time readers petition us in the hope that we can obtain a telephone for them. Sometimes, as happened yesterday, they claim that their name has been on the waiting list for more than three years. The only answer we have ever had from the company is that "orders" are filled in strict rotation but it is impossible to tell that to people who applied early in 1946. Their cynicism is understandable when they see new

The New Zealand meat production industry, the most productive acre for acre, in the world, is threatened with disastrous recession through alarmingly spreading erosion

Jap Cotton And Our Markets

By RODNEY CAMPBELL

The announcement in the trade magazine tells the story. "The SCAP Foreign Trade" New York Office today announces two new assortments of raw silk from Japan.

"The new assortments are to be known as No. 3 and No. 4. The purchasers of the new assortments may obtain a reduction of 15 cents a pound from the 1949 floor prices. Assortment No. 3, 13, 15 denier, A or higher—20 bales, B or lower—20 bales. Assortment No. 4, 20-22 denier, A or higher—200 bales."

And so it went on, as it goes on all the time. The SCAP, the raw silk shipments merely the latest arrivals in Japan's thriving textile export drive, which is beginning to make a big mark on the United States and British textile industries.

When Sir Raymond Street brought over Britain's case against the Japanese textile expansion, and asked Washington to draw a line between legitimate Japanese economic recovery and undercutting competition, he received considerable sympathy, but little action.

His proposal to send a joint Anglo-American fact-finding mission to Japan to see the textile industry there for itself was politely shelved after the American Mikado intimated that he would not be happy to see such a mission in Japan.

But a group of American textile businessmen, representing the hard-hit mills of Paterson, New Jersey, have succeeded where the Chairman of the Cotton Board failed.

They have persuaded Mr. Tracy Voorhees, Assistant-Secretary of Defence, to go into the matter most thoroughly with General MacArthur in Japan, and have obtained assurances from him that he will examine the Japanese textile export drive from top to bottom.

To Run Into Trouble

A letter received by the businessmen from the State Department indicates that the Japanese will soon run into trouble.

It reads: "It is contrary to policy... to permit Japanese goods to undersell competitive products in this or any other country and it is contrary to the desire of the Department that no American industry be endangered by foreign competition."

Mr. Voorhees, on the eve of his departure, told the men from Paterson that this was also his own view.

Both Union executives and management co-operate in presenting the textile point of view to the Administration.

Mr. David E. Hand, President of one of the largest textile concerns in New Jersey, Mr. Charles H. Romero, of the Paterson Industrial Commission, and Mr. John W. Edelman of the Textile Workers of America (CIO) tried for two months to gain an interview with Defence Secretary Louis Johnson.

They charged they were given "the brush-off."

But after they had threatened to raise the matter through Congress, they obtained their interview with Mr. Voorhees.

Mr. Hand told him he was liquidating his 70-year-old firm because he could not compete with imports manufactured at lower material and labour costs. He said that unemployment was growing in the New Jersey silk centre, and that eventually a majority of the manufacturers would "have to throw in the sponge."

"Already the results of a U.S. Government agency pitting textile labour against the high standards of American workmanship can be seen in my area, and it is time something was done about it."

Mr. Edelman said: "The ruinous trade policies and tactics of Japan before the war must not be resumed. They should not be allowed to dump fabrics on the American market at unreal prices."

So Mr. Voorhees asked the men from Paterson, a small town which by its initiative might change an American policy that has meant serious trouble for Britain's textile industry to give him all the facts, so that he could have a heart to heart talk with the General in Tokyo.

hotels and blocks of flats "stiff with phones" as one correspondent put it. It might reassure the public if the company issued a detailed explanation of the method of allocation.

AIRPLANES TO FERTILISE MILLIONS OF ACRES

By ALAN HARDCASTLE

and loss of carrying capacity; and, at the same moment, is on the eve of salvation, through mass scale aerial fertilising of the threatened hill country. Those abrupt contradictions are nevertheless statements of fact.

The scale of aerial treatment to succeed must be the scale of millions of acres, but the project is fully and economically feasible.

Thirty per cent of North Island hill lands and an undetermined but greater proportion of South Island hill lands are officially regarded as seriously eroded.

The story of land deterioration is an old one—the burning of the forest, periodic re-burnings of native grass and second growth recover for the flash benefit of ash residues, overgrazing, and the pestiferous rabbit in millions.

But there was always a capital of natural fertility still to be drawn upon. Until 1939 the country was generally complacent.

New Zealand's efforts in answer to Britain's war years and continuing demands for more and more meat have ended that complacency.

Not until 1939-40 had the Dominion shipped to British ports since then shipments have exceeded 300,000 tons, rising to the all-time peak of 367,000 tons in 1946-47. Now the graph curves falls, to 358,000 tons, 1947-48, and pending final figures, 357,000 tons, 1948-1949.

The tests were flown by a tremendous national cost, by "mining" the hill lands.

Tired Land

New Zealand has awakened abruptly to a realisation of threatening disaster. It would be a disaster to Britain, too, for, after Argentina, New Zealand has been Britain's greatest supplier of imported meats, and after Australia, of wool.

To appreciate what is happening one must realise the contrast between hill lands here and the hill lands of other countries. The snow ranges go up to 8,000 and 10,000 feet; those below 7,000 feet are rated as "hills."

A Rebuke To The Labour Party

By "WINDRUSH"

The principal article in the "Economist" is a rebuke to the Labour Party for its attitude towards the Washington conversations on the dollar crisis.

"The Economist" writes: "When Mr. Nally at Strasbourg declared that his party's determination to defend the British social services against a small group of rich and unscrupulous Americans he is voicing, though in ludicrous and wildly exaggerated terms, a reaction which is found in many other people."

The article points out that the threat to British social services and the British standard of living comes, not from the Americans, but from the possibility that the British Government may not take the economic steps needed to restore British solvency.

"The conclusion is inescapable. There is only one way in which the British people can be generally defended against the economic troubles that lie ahead. It is by the closest and most confident association with the United States. If the British people are prepared to pay their part in restoring solvency to the country, there is every reason to believe that the United States is still ready to cushion the process."

The article concludes by saying that the British attitude of "defensiveness" may spoil all the negotiations. The solution of British economic difficulties should be linked with British support of America in constructive world policies.

"The spirit that is lacking on the British side is the gleam of vision beyond the pre-occupations of each recurrent crisis. There is nothing in their approval to fire the American imagination, yet no people so warmly responds to high ambitions stated honestly and simply as the Americans."

Hague Conference

The "Tribune" has an article on the Hague conference on Indonesia, written by the young Labour M.P., Woodrow Wyatt, who played a considerable part in the struggle for Indonesian independence to India.

There is a great desire in London for the conflict between the Indonesians and Dutch to be brought to an end, partly because the British do not wish to be seen to support the Dutch, and partly because the Dutch is strongly backing Indonesia.

Mr. Wyatt writes: "The Indonesian Republic came into existence in 1945. It was the only one of the new nations to be born in the shadow of the Second World War."

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Control Department, with Grumman Avenger torpedo bombers, brought from the war junk pile, lifting a one-ton load of pelleted phosphatic fertiliser in detachable hoppers carried in the torpedo bomb-bay. The equipment was frankly makeshift, but the case was proved.

The unexpectedly low costs will be reduced by employing heavy capacity aircraft over wider blocks of country. The one-tonner treats 10 acres per take-off (actual release time by 10-15 seconds); ten-tonners would dress 100 acres on each run. Fifteen ten-tonners would, it is estimated, be able to cover three-quarters of a million acres annually, in 7,200 hours of flying, dropping 75,000 tons of superphosphate, which is obtained by treating ground rock phosphate with sulphuric acid.

It is at this point that the interest of the RNZAF is intense. One of the commitments of this country in Commonwealth and Pacific defence is to maintain a fully operative heavy transport squadron, No. 41.

The exact flying technique required in top-dressing (at 500-1,000 feet above hill level), the ground-to-air radio control, by which aircraft are brought in upon their runs, the problems of load-handling and general logistics offer wide opportunity in precision training of air, ground and communications sections of the Service.

Such a type as Britain's standard multi-purpose Handley Page Hastings military transport is considered by senior officials of the RNZAF and the Air Department as admirably suited to the work. Fertiliser would be carried in specialised detachable panniers and the military effectiveness of the aircraft would be in no way affected.

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One Way Traffic.
What Uncle Sam cannot see is why John Bull should be so unbusinesslike as to want to sell him goods as well as buying from him. It's a terrific problem...

Motto of the Shanghai control committee:
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Paradoxically enough, according to some observers, the East-West war will probably begin with the Finnish.

"The Singapore Traffic Warden's scheme is a system of splitting traffic offenders by members of the public—has proved a failure, and has been abandoned."

One in the eye for the Traffic Wardens.

Wrong Outlook.
Polynesia: one priest, who will look on Australia as base."

They tell me that during a minor earthquake in Tokyo, employees in a SCAP office ran about terror-stricken. One man walked over to a doorway, took a stance, and shouted above the din: "I'm from Los Angeles. We always stand in doorways."

A nervous chap nearby said, "I'm from Chicago. What the hell do I do?"

On a fine clear day at the race track he approached the window to place his bet. As he purchased the ticket, his friend protested, "But she's a mudder."

"I don't care if she does have children; I still think she'll win."

Advert for breakfast food: "Tastes delicious when served with fresh strawberries and cream."

What doesn't?

The musician was boasting of his ability. "When I was a boy," he said, "my town was hit by a flood. My father hopped on to a bed, and floated downstream to safety."

"What has that to do with your musical ability?" asked a listener.

"Well," he explained, "I accompanied him on the piano."

Height of frustration: political figure held in-communicado-do.

"The luncheon meeting will be limited to 100 women, which is too many for one place and one time."

You're asking for trouble, chum...

Myrtle's I.Q. may not be very high, but I thought it a bit thick of a naval type explaining to her last night what a buoy is. "It's very important—if you pull it up, all the water runs out of the bay."

Said the husband who discovered burglars in his living room: "Please wait a moment, will you? I want my wife to meet you. She's heard you every night for 15 years."

"But I've got one radio set

WASHINGTON TALKS END UP WITH COMPLETE AGREEMENT

No Pat Answers Possible

Washington, September 12. Mr. Douglas C. Abbott, Canadian Finance Minister, said in a speech at the National Press Club here tonight that no pat solutions or panaceas could be expected from the current tripartite sterling-dollar talks.

Summing up the achievements of the three-power conference, a few hours before the issue of the final communiqué, Mr. Abbott said:

"We have determined what steps can be taken at this time, and, above all, we have agreed on the direction in which we must work."

"Each of our Governments must constantly examine the adequacy of our policies in the light of the ultimate goal."

Asked if he thought Britain and other countries in Europe could improve their export position by devaluation, Mr. Abbott said he would adhere to his decision not to comment on devaluation.

He told other questioners that Canada is relaxing her import restrictions as quickly as possible.

The Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, introducing the Finance Minister, said that Canada had joined with Britain and the United States to throw a bridge over the dollar gap.

He said the fine atmosphere and the informality prevailing throughout the three-power conference had done much to achieve results, particularly the very important conclusions which had been reached.—Reuter.

FAMOUS COMPOSER CREMATED

Munich, September 12. The body of Richard Strauss, German composer, who died last Thursday, was cremated today at the Munich "Ostfriedhof" following a formal ceremony attended by the Bavarian Prime Minister, Dr. Hans Ehard.

About 500 persons, official representatives of the Bavarian Government, of the City of Munich and friends and admirers of the "great old man" of German music, listened to the last movement of Beethoven's Eroica Symphony.

The composer's 87-year-old widow was accompanied by her son, Dr. Frank Strauss and Mrs. Franz Strauss. Christian, Konrad and Richard Strauss, the composer's grandsons, were also present when the purple-bedecked coffin covered by a wreath of dark red roses was carried to the stairs of the crematorium, where some 60 wreaths were deposited.

The ashes will be buried, according to the composer's wishes, at the garden in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, where he had lived for the past 25 years.—Reuter.

LONDON MAN A BULLFIGHTER

Tarifa, September 12. The British bullfighter, Vincent Charles Hitchcock, triumphed again last night in the bullring of this village 50 miles from Gibraltar.

The Londoner was cheered after his first bull and was awarded the ears and tail of his second.—Associated Press.

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Ten-Point Scheme To Bridge Dollar Gap EQUILIBRIUM BY 1952

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 12. THE FINANCE MINISTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND CANADA TODAY ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT ON MEASURES TO SAVE BRITAIN'S DOLLAR SHORTAGE BY 1952.

In a communiqué issued tonight the Ministers announced that there is a prospect of reaching a satisfactory equilibrium between the sterling and dollar areas by 1952.

The communiqué contained a 10-point programme to bridge the dollar gap between what Britain buys and what she sells to the dollar area.

The programme covers overseas investment, commodity arrangements and stockpiling, limitations on items which may be financed under present ECA procedures, customs procedures, tariff policy, liberalisation of intra-European trade and payments, sterling balances, petroleum, shipping, and provisions for continuing consultation.

The 10 points as announced in the 2,500-word communiqué included the following:

(1) Overseas investments.—All three countries will try to stimulate investments of American private capital abroad and to promote new loan applications for development projects in foreign countries to the World Bank and the U.S. Import Bank.

(2) Commodity arrangements and stockpiling.—Canada is prepared to take steps to increase reserve stocks of tin and rubber. The United States will review its stockpiling programme for the same purpose and, meanwhile, open the field for increased sales of natural rubber.

(3) Limitations on items which may be financed with Marshall funds.—The United States recognises that Britain must finance with its share of ECA funds a wider range of dollar expenditures than previously. The ECA will probably make an announcement tomorrow on how this will work. Mr. Paul Hoffman, ECA Director, indicated that Britain will get permission to spend Marshall Plan dollars on Canadian wheat.

U.S. Tariffs

(4) Customs procedure.—Both the United States and Canada promise to review their administrative operation of Customs to facilitate the flow of goods into their countries. The United States Government is developing proposals for legislation by Congress along this line.

(5) Tariff policy.—The communiqué stated that it was noted that high tariffs are clearly inconsistent with the position of creditor countries. The United States re-affirmed its policy of negotiation to negotiate further trade agreements through which additional cuts in its tariff rates can be made.

(6) Liberalisation of intra-European trade and payments.—Britain put forward in the conference a plan for facilitating trade among Western European

SA MAY PAY IN GOLD

Washington, September 12. Plans enabling South Africa to help Britain in her overseas payments difficulties by paying in gold instead of in sterling for a considerable share of British goods exported to the Union are to be discussed in Washington this week.

The Sterling Balances

(7) Sterling balances.—The three nations agreed as part of their long-range effort to better Britain's economic position, to give further study to the problem of the debts which Britain owes other countries. These debts constitute to some extent a drain without present return on Britain's current production. No specific step is proposed at this time.

(8) The three countries agreed that a detailed study should be made of the production, refining and geographical distribution of petroleum as they affect Britain's dollar income.

(9) Shipping.—It was also agreed that further study should be given to the question of shipping and Britain's interest in earning more dollars through the sale of shipping services.

(10) Provisions for continuing consultation.—Since the Ministers could not solve some of the specific points before them it is proposed to continue the examinations initiated during the conference on questions which it is hoped that useful understanding can be reached.

Emergency Steps Useless?

The Ministers fully agreed that no permanent solution to the problem could be found in emergency steps.

A more fundamental attempt would have to be made by all concerned to expand the Sterling Area's dollar earnings and increase investments from North America to the rest of the world. Britain agreed that it will be assumed that extraordinary aid from North America will end by the middle of 1952, that the Sterling Area will pay its way by 1952, and that she will provide an incentive to exporters to the dollar area, and reduce production costs.

The United States and Canada agreed that Sterling Area exporters will be given an opportunity to remain in United States and Canadian markets and that difficulties in entering those markets will be reduced.—Reuter.

BRITISH TIMBER SHORTAGE

New York, September 12. Solution of Britain timber shortage depends on the Washington talks, Lord Robinson, chairman of the British Forestry Commission, said here before leaving for Britain after the U.N. Natural Resources conference at Lake Success.

Because of the dollar shortage, he said England is importing well under half of the timber imported before the war.—Associated Press

MOST IMPORTANT TALKS IN WORLD

New York, September 12. The three-power financial talks in Washington are the most important of any going on anywhere in the world, Dr. D. U. Slicker, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, said today when he arrived in the Queen Mary.

He described the Far East as the storm centre politically and economically of the world's present troubles.—Associated Press

Re-Valuation And Gold Price Issues

Washington, September 12. M. Camille Gutt, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, said today that South Africa will submit to the Fund's annual meeting tomorrow a resolution concerning the sale of gold at premium prices.

The resolution is understood here to involve a request for a higher gold price than the existing \$35 an ounce.

M. Gutt said also that the possible re-valuation of currencies as a remedy for the world-wide dollar shortage will also come up. He said that the subject will be approached as a general re-valuation problem, rather than a discussion of any single currency.

Mr. Gutt said the Fund had no preconceived ideas about currency re-valuation. He denied that the Fund had made up its mind either way.

He stated that alternatives to an adjustment of exchange rates have also been considered and will be discussed in the sectional meetings of the Fund.—Reuter.

DRAIN ON UK GOLD OVER, SAYS CRIPPS

Washington, September 12. Sir Stafford Cripps, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, said today at a press conference that the tripartite sterling-dollar talks have brought Britain's reserve position into a manageable condition.

He said he meant by that that there would be an end to the dangerous drain on Britain's gold and dollar reserves.

Sir Stafford said that he is not contemplating any further cuts in Britain's import programme as a result of the talks.

He said that the talks have been conducted with a "degree of frankness and understanding which is almost unexampled in the co-operative history of our three countries."

He said that the results of the meeting show the ability of the free democracies to deal with economic problems "as we have shown ourselves able to deal with political problems."

"I would like to point out that we did not regard this as purely an arithmetical proposition, that is to say, that the communiqué really adds up to in terms of present action, as you will see," Sir Stafford continued. "That is not all there is in it, but what there is in it form is quite sufficient to give us an assurance of a degree of stability in our balance of payments situation," Sir Stafford said.

Important Part
"That means, so far as we are concerned, that as a result of these consultations and conversations we feel that we have brought our reserves position into a manageable condition."

"I think the more important part of our accomplishments cannot really be expressed in terms of dollars and pounds but will be expressed in terms of confidence."
Sir Stafford continued: "This all points to our determination to deal with the cold war."
However, Sir Stafford added that the problem was a long-term one and that was why provision was made for continued consultation.

The U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, said no special organisation is planned to continue the talks outside the framework of the present Council.

Joint Problem
The press conference was attended by Sir Stafford and Mr. Snyder, the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Canadian Minister of Finance, Mr. Douglas Abbott, and the ECA Administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman.

Mr. Bevin, also addressed the press briefly and said that, from the political viewpoint, the dollar crisis had become "our joint problem which we will work out."

The talks had removed possibilities for disharmony which might have crept in where harmony was needed, he said.

The Marshall Plan administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman, who participated in the conference, said he would issue detailed information tomorrow (Tuesday) on relaxation of Marshall Plan dollar restrictions for Britain.

At the press conference, Mr. Snyder, in response to a question, denied earlier press reports that the United States had agreed to take over some of Britain's military obligations in the Far East.—Reuter and United Press.

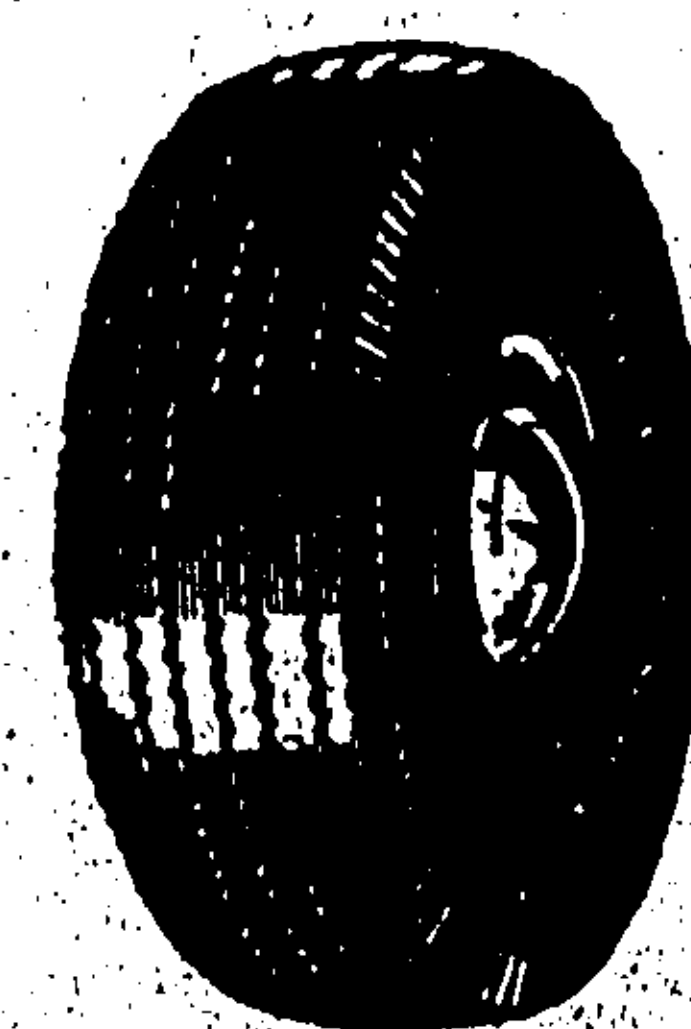
ECONOMIC BODY FORMED

Washington, September 12. Responsible sources said today that the tripartite conference had decided to create a continuing economic committee. It will be composed of the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, and the Canadian Ambassador, Mr. Hume Wrong, to watch British-Canadian-American economic relations.

The setting up of the committee is expected by the British delegation to give greater confidence in sterling than exists at present. However, the majority of the U.S. delegation consider that real confidence in sterling can not be revived until there has been a revaluation of sterling along with other Western European currencies.

The delegation is aware that this could not happen until after the general election in Britain. The continuing committee is expected to do particularly valuable work in dealing with long-term problems.—United Press.

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Woman Today

Back To The 20's Fight Is Raging

by ALIX LAMOTTE

A "Back to the Twenties" fight is raging in Paris as the winter dress collection shows, postponed by the midwinter strike, get well under way.

Skirts are shorter, the silhouette is straight and the hair is cropped to produce the sultry, "vampire" effect of those hectic years.

Skirts are so cut that they look narrow even when they have fullness, and are now about 14 inches to 15 inches above the ground.

The bust, waist and hips are only slightly emphasised. Squared shoulders are back—at the insistence of Mrs. Every-woman.

Huge revers, pockets, epaulettes and wing effects are all accentuated. Most coats are straight-hanging and shapeless. Only a few are waisted but all have enormous fur collars, above which peeps the tip of the nose.

The reversible coats, brightly coloured, are a practical and economical idea. Pierre Balmain shows triple coats that remind one of those little boxes which hide inside each other. Each coat is designed for a different time of day, but I wonder if it is a "three for the price of one" idea I doubt it.

Mandarin Style

One such coat is in black wool, with another of check taffeta and a third in green velvet. All were mandarin style. Day dresses—now worn from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.—are often in grey jersey. They are slimly draped with long narrow sleeves. Cock-tail dresses, on the other hand, are sumptuous and in rich material such as lame brocade of black lace, worn over bright satin.

In all the Parisian collections so far, fullness is kept to one side to give an effect to the line. Jean Dessès calls it "the Kite line."

Many coats and dresses try to introduce a lower, waist-line. This is particularly obvious in the Rochas collection. Their coats have low-slung half-belts and wrap-over fronts, while suits have basques with buttons which give the impression that the line has been lowered.

Many evening dresses, especially those seen at Piquet, are long and tube-like, in bright silk and black velvet, and give the impression that the wearer has been poured into them. But she cannot walk normally—she can only sink along. No bobbing in these!

Piquet's accessories with these dresses are feathered head-dresses and fans, long black velvet and satin pointed court shoes, the bangle and earrings that dangle to the shoulder.

Accessories gain an increasing importance. At Balmain, for example, there are handkerchiefs edged with violets and a little bolero of violets is worn over a white net dress. I also liked the evergreen garlands, one of ivy and the other holly. The ivy formed a shoulder strap and trailed across the borders to fasten on one hip of a white chiffon dress. The holly was hung round the neck of a teenaged marionette.

I noted another idea from the Parisian collections: fur (it need only be rabbit) round the top of the bodice and edging a stole or a sash. And I also saw a new way to trim a suit that gives a triangle of velvet over each hip. The result is amazingly slimming.

Feather Hats

Hats are small, and worn well well off the forehead so that the hair line is revealed. They have

Morning...



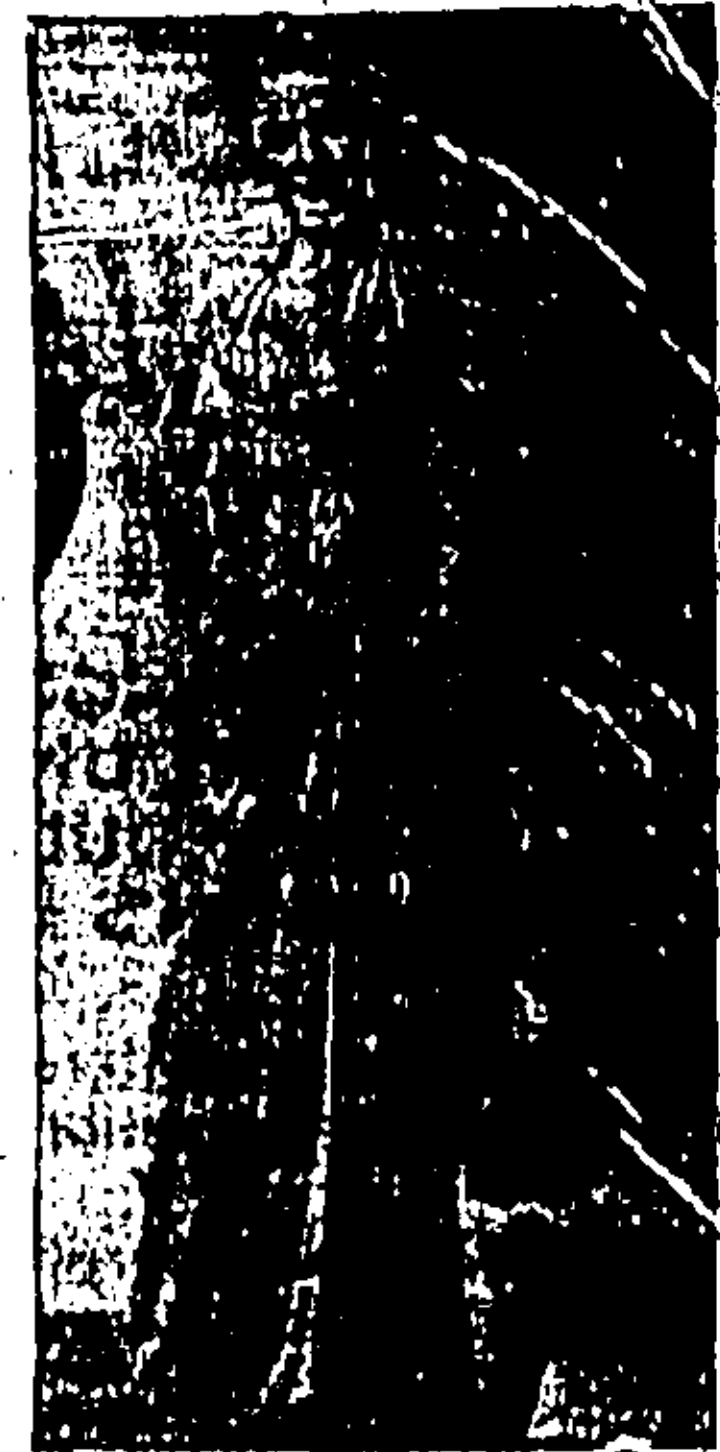
Janis Carter, film star, shows off to perfection three new creations. For morning the grey worsted flannel suit with simple, straight skirt and jacket, detailed with standing collar and flat lapels of champagne flannel emanating from the shoulder yolk facing. The soft felt hat is accented by fishnet veiling, matching collar and gloves. Shoes and purse are of grey suede.

Noon...



For afternoon there is this chic dress in black faille with stand-up collar and plunging neck-line. The skirt is moderately full, the sleeves doleful, and the neck line features two self-material strips which criss-cross under the bust line and end at the low neckline. Carried with it is a silver mink stole, accessories are black.

And Night!



For the evening La Carter models this chic little number in alex jersey in what is described as "dusk gray." It is styled with a halter neck line and a new classic drape looped through two jewelled rings at the waist on the left side, ending in a floating panel effect. Same silver blue mink stole though, poor girl!

A RECIPE FOR SLEEP

Ingredients

1. An airy room with windows flung wide open, not pushed grudgingly just far enough to give you a draught and still neck. Night air is pure air, with few cars to raise the dust and impurities. It's your opportunity to breathe air uninhibited by soot and dust, so don't neglect your opportunity—you can't afford to.
2. A comfortable bed—not so soft that you entirely disappear from view, please! This may be a snug, but it's not restful. A firm bed is hard to get used to, but it will bring you the refreshing, vitalising sleep you need.
3. Not too many bedclothes. To smother yourself under a deluge of blankets is to sweat unhealthily for eight hours, considerably raising your chances of catching cold.

Preparations

1. Remove all make-up with some warm, soapy water. Then, with a reliable brand of cleansing cream, cleanse your face and neck, putting the cheeks as you do so. "Patting" stimulates the circulation and removes ruddiness, giving the healthy glow that you must have if you want to be beautiful. Remove the cream with a cleansing tissue, and put in a good beauty cream. Eight hours free from wind and sun that dries the skin, is just what is needed to

high feather trimmings that sometimes look like a question mark reaching into the air.

Many designers have stuck to the woodlands for inspiration. Often whole wings of birds, and tiny bird's heads, are used. I have even seen berets completely covered with feathers.

On tiny skull caps the trimmings are sometimes combined with minute sparkling jewels and sequins.

Pierre Balmain's hat collection showed an Eastern influence. They were worn attached straight on the head and often had a fringe of tassels hanging at one side.

Results

There is almost always some startling warning that the eight-hour process is at an end—usually an alarm ring or a severe shaking. If you have really been careful of the ingredients and preparations, after a moment for full awakening, you will jump, not crawl out of bed to take stock of the results.

1. A feeling of freshness and a sense of having thoroughly rested.

2. A feeling of confidence in what is required of you during the day.

3. A complexion that is fresh looking, and that feels smooth and free.

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Sweet Dreams!

By "YUKI"

give it, so don't block the fresh air by tying a scarf around your head. Besides, the heat and clamminess under the scarf encourage dandruff, the one thing you really must guard against.

DON'T try to sleep on hard pins. The continual rubbing of sharp-pointed pins sets up irritation which could lead to dandruff or painful rash. Besides, it splits the end of the hairs, making it appear lank and "mousy."

DON'T wet your head. Dampen your hair by all means, but don't wet it right through to the scalp, that is unless you wish to catch a chill or spend days in bed with "flu."

Now that you have the ingredients and are prepared, you come to the actual process.

Time

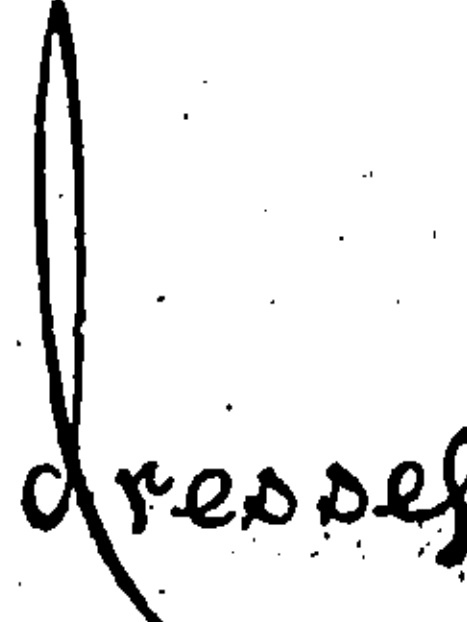
The ideal time required to obtain the best results is eight hours. For each hour less, certain results may be seen:

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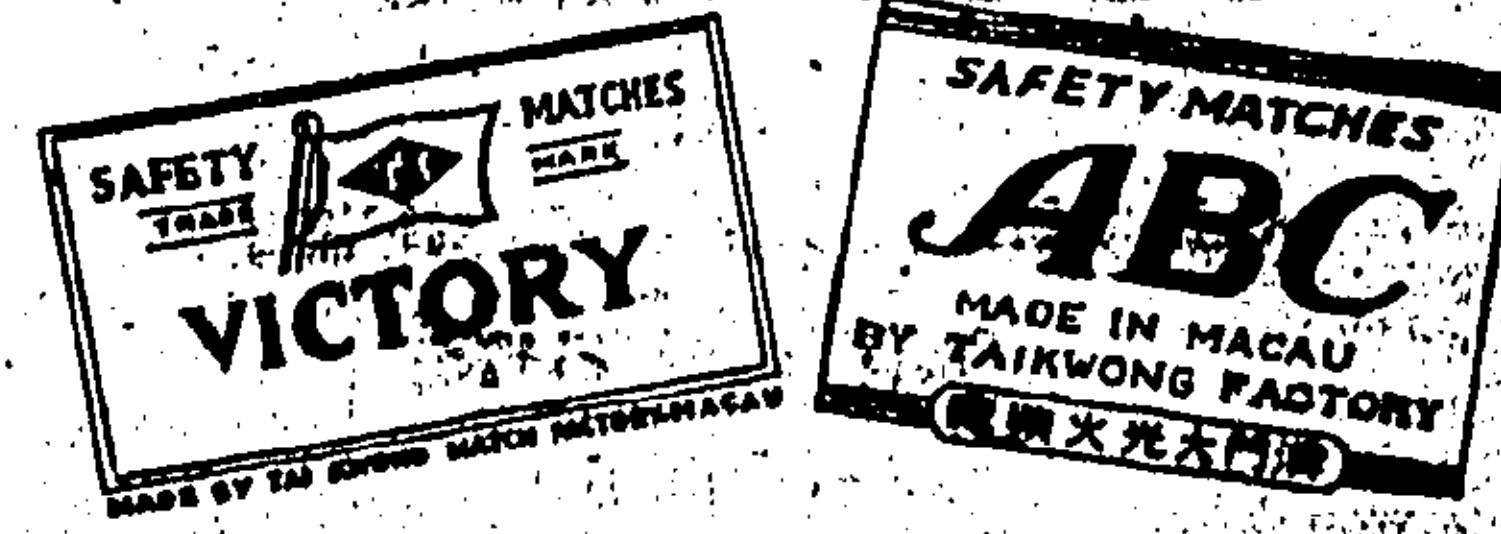
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ADMIRAL BADGER SAYS:

CHINESE COMMUNISTS CAN BE TURNED BACK

Washington, September 12.

Vice-Admiral Oscar Badger, Commander of the U.S. Far Eastern Fleet, said today that US\$75,000,000 of American arms aid would be sufficient to stem the Communist advance in China if properly applied.

Admiral Badger, who returned recently from China and testified before the Joint Senate Committee, last week said further military help should be contingent upon the Chinese Nationalists offering a constructive, timely and feasible plan for using it.

Today Admiral Badger said that past U.S. military aid to China had not shown results because most of it was given without regard to its constructive application.

Admiral Badger also said that he is not too pessimistic about the future of Asia, although the situation there is tragic and chaotic.

He praised Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as a "sincere patriot and proponent of democratic China."

Most of Chiang's difficulties stemmed from the fact that for the first time in history he was trying to control a vast and heavily-populated China with a central government, he said.

Admiral Badger said that although the U.S. had temporarily lost its foothold in China, he did not think it would be a permanent loss because of the high respect and gratitude felt by the Chinese for the Americans.

He said the Chinese Navy had enough warships to control a blockade of Communist-held ports and to maintain a blockade between the Chinese mainland and Taiwan.

He added that the morale of the Chinese Navy is improving.

Bill Approved

The Joint Senate Committee today formally approved the US\$314,010,000 military aid bill for free nations after the Republicans dropped their demand for a special arms grant to the Chinese anti-Communists.

The action, by a 20-3 vote of the combined Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees, sent the military assistance programme to the Senate floor, where it will be debated in about three weeks.

The Republicans, who had insisted on a specific grant for the non-Communists in China, agreed to a compromise permitting—but not ordering—President Truman to spend \$75,000,000 in the general area of China.

The Committee chairman, Senator Tom Connally, told reporters the almost unanimous Committee vote augured well for almost solid support on the Senate floor.

Democratic Senators Walter George, Richard Russell and Harry Byrd cast the only votes against the bill. They want to cut the spending total.

Republican Committee members had threatened for a time to block action on the whole arms bill by going all out for military aid to China. They had condemned the permissive grant as a false compromise, but Senator William Knowland, leader of the Republican bloc, said after the vote that the final version is satisfactory to him.

The Senate bill provides:

Korea And PI

1. For the North Atlantic Pact nations US\$1,000,000,000 for guns,

tanks, planes and other munitions. All but \$100,000,000 will be withheld, however, until President Truman approves common defence plans and objectives of the Pact's Council and Defence Committee.

2. For Greece and Turkey, an additional \$211,370,000 for the "quarantine" Communism programme started in the Middle East in 1947.

3. For Korea, the Philippines and Iran, the Committee recommended \$27,610,000.

Committee action gave the administration all the money it asked except for \$100,000,000 for Western Europe. This was eliminated as a compromise gesture to Senators Arthur Vandenberg, John Foster Dulles and other Republicans.

They wanted to strike out funds for American machine tools to help equip European arms plants. The Committee decided to permit the export of machine tools and raw materials, expected to cost about \$145,000,000.

Before the final vote, the Committee rejected 10-3 an amendment by Senator Russell to cut 10 per cent off the funds for Greece and Turkey.—United Press.

MEETING OF WESTERN UNION

London, September 12.

The quarterly meeting of the Consultative Council of the five Western Union powers, which was due next week-end, has been postponed until November.

The Council, consisting of the five Foreign Ministers of Britain, France, and the Benelux States, met last in Luxembourg on June 17. The September meeting will be replaced by the first meeting of the Atlantic Pact Council, consisting of the 12 Foreign Ministers of the Atlantic Pact signatories, in New York on Saturday.

At the same time the Brussels Pact Foreign Ministers will, in fact, meet at the Atlantic Pact Council, are anxious to keep the machinery of the earlier treaty functioning separately.

The five Governments have not yet decided where the November meeting is to be held, but the most probable choice is The Hague.—Reuter.

PACIFIC QUAKE

Berkeley, September 12. The University of California seismograph recorded a moderately strong earthquake at 9:29 a.m. GMT today, at a distance of 5,200 miles—possibly in the South Pacific.—Associated Press.

San Jose, California, September 12.

All 12 crewmen parachuted to safety from a burning B-29 near here today.—Associated Press.

MP's Say Co-operation Is Possible

Stockholm, September 12. The Congress of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which ended here tonight, approved a resolution saying: "The existence of two different economic and social systems need not exclude the possibility of co-operation."

It added: "The diplomatic situation is still very tense and the world is divided into two camps, distrustful of each other's intentions." Members were urged actively to support the international organizations to remove the causes of conflict and to contribute to an improvement of the general moral atmosphere by combating every kind of propaganda spreading aggressiveness and war hysteria.—Reuter.

ANOTHER DEATH IN CANTON TRAGEDY

Canton, September 13.

Willard Freeman, aged 41, American businessman, one of three men shot on September 8 in a shooting affray at his home, died early today.

Leonard Clark, San Francisco explorer, is the only survivor. Harold Harris, Shanghai-born businessman, was apparently killed outright.

Freeman's Polish wife, Mary, was prostrate with grief upon her husband's death. Shortly before Mr. Freeman's death, Canton police said they had "100 per cent proof" of the identity of the person who did the shooting, but have made no move to make an arrest.

Both Clark and Freeman had said the shooting with Clark's pistol climaxed a free-for-all fight that ended a friendly drinking party, but professed not to know who wielded the weapon.

Clark said the fight began when Freeman "pulled a jealousy act," but Mrs. Freeman had said there was "nothing to be jealous about."

She said she was asleep when the shooting occurred, and found the wounded and dead in a nearby bedroom next morning.—Associated Press.

Colombo, September 12.

A Ceylon trade delegation headed by her Minister for Commerce is expected to visit India shortly to discuss general trade relations and the question of export of copra to India.—Reuter.

AIRLINES TOLD TO WAGE WAR ON RED TAPE

The Hague, September 12.

Members of the World Airline Organisation were urged by their Executive Committee late today to fight strenuously against border red tape.

Presenting the report to the meeting of the International Air Transport Association Rene Briand, joint Director General of Air-France, asked for full support of International Civil Aviation Organisation to simplify and standardise customs procedures.

I.C.A.C. has asked its member states for acceptance of a "facilitation annexure" to the convention on international aviation.

M. Briand added that IATA's General Director, Sir William Hildred, had led a three-year crusade against red tape which had already resulted in modernisation of regulations.

"We have at our disposal an international document on which we can, as a beginning, start work on a fight to free our own industry," M. Briand said.

The Committee reported that representatives of IATA and the Universal Postal Union would meet in a week to settle outstanding questions of interest to the two organisations.

Medical Study

The addition of a medical group to the formal committee structure of IATA—which now covers financial, legal, technical and traffic matters—was recommended by the Executive Board.

Airline physicians had already been working informally for over a year on problems of air crew fatigue and passenger comfort.

Canadian, Ceylonese and Finnish international airlines have joined IATA in the last year. The Committee reported, IATA now has 60 active and six associated members.

In addition, Egyptian and Ethiopian companies have been admitted to IATA subject to the completion of necessary formalities.—Associated Press.

RECOGNITION FOR BAO DAI

Saigon, September 12. Burma and India are expected to recognize Emperor Bao Dai's new Vietnamese Government.

The Philippines Government is reported to have offered to recognize Bao Dai's Government if Vietnam joins the anti-Communist Pacific Pact which Philippines President Quirino is trying to organize.—Associated Press.

GRUESOME RECITAL IN COURT

Hamburg, September 12.

A gruesome recital of how Germans slaughtered Russian civilians occupied most of today's session in a British war crimes trial of the former German Field Marshal, Erich von Manstein.

The descriptions of burnings, shootings and hangings were read from captured German documents to show how Manstein's troops carried out orders to employ "the most brutal means possible" against Russian civilians.

To show that Manstein knew the Nazi High Command's orders were illegal, the prosecution cited a notation by his Field Headquarters that all copies of one such order were to be destroyed "in case of danger."

Today's hearing completed the prosecution's evidence on the 14th charge of the 17-count indictment. Manstein has pleaded not guilty.—Associated Press.

YEMEN PROTEST TO BRITAIN

London, September 12.

The Foreign Office said tonight that the Yemen Government has formally protested against the British bombing of a Yemen fort which Britain said was erected inside the borders of the Protectorate of Aden.

"An official of the Yemen Ministry of Foreign Affairs called at our Cairo Embassy and made an oral approach," a Foreign Office spokesman said. He added that no details of the protest are available.

The Colonial Office said British planes bombed and destroyed the Yemen fort on September 2 after warning Yemen to remove it.

The Colonial Office said one Yemenite was killed and the Yemen forces withdrew across the border.—Associated Press.



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ROCKET WAS NOT SUCCESS

Los Cruces, New Mexico, September 12.

America's newest and biggest rocket, the 15-meter long "Viking II", shot upwards only 50 kilometers in its test last Tuesday, far short of the 100 kilometers record of the German V-2. It was learned here today.

The first Viking in the initial test last May reached an altitude of 80 kilometers.

But Dr. Homer E. Newell, rocket expert in the United States naval research laboratory at the White Sands testing ground, near here, blamed the new test on a success.

"We were after stability and control this time," he said.

"Next time we will concentrate on engine performance."

Naval scientists who are striving for an ultimate altitude of 320 kilometers and a speed of 5,760 kilometers an hour have tentatively planned a second test for next February.

The purpose of the Viking programme is the study of cosmic rays and the upper atmosphere and the development of a wartime space ship to carry atomic bombs.—Reuter.

Albania A Powder Keg

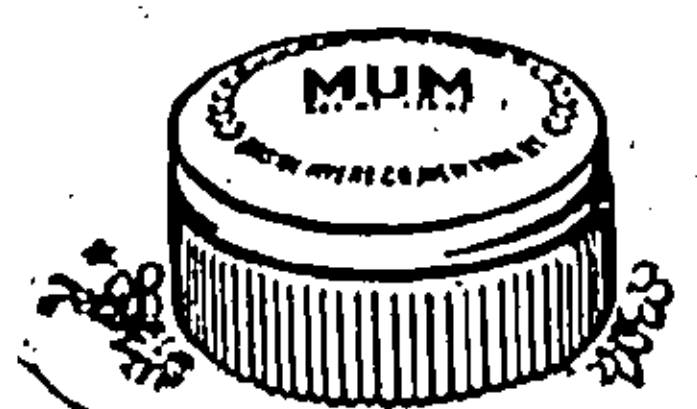
Rome, September 12.

Albania is a powder keg which may explode at any moment, "La Voce Repubblicana" reported today. The newspaper, attributing its information to recently arrived Italian repatriates from Albania, said the Hodia Government has never been so weak as it is now.

This weakness, the newspaper continued, is the result of political isolation, Yugoslavia's blockade and activity of Albanian guerrillas, which is constantly more menacing.

"La Voce Repubblicana" is the organ of Italy's middle of the road Republican Party. The front page article was dated in Madrid. Last week 145 Italian repatriates arrived there from Durazzo, Albania. Another 133 repatriates are due to arrive soon at the same port.—Associated Press.

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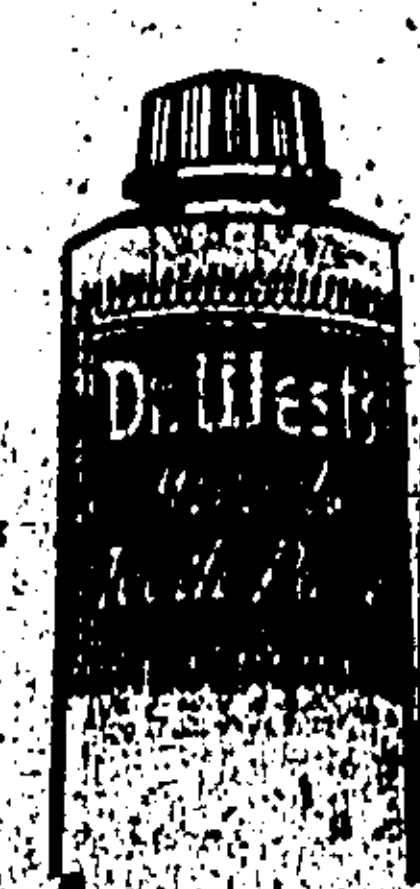
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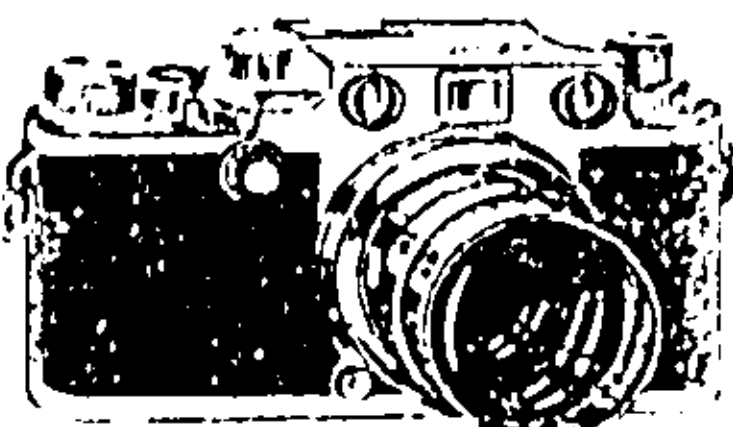
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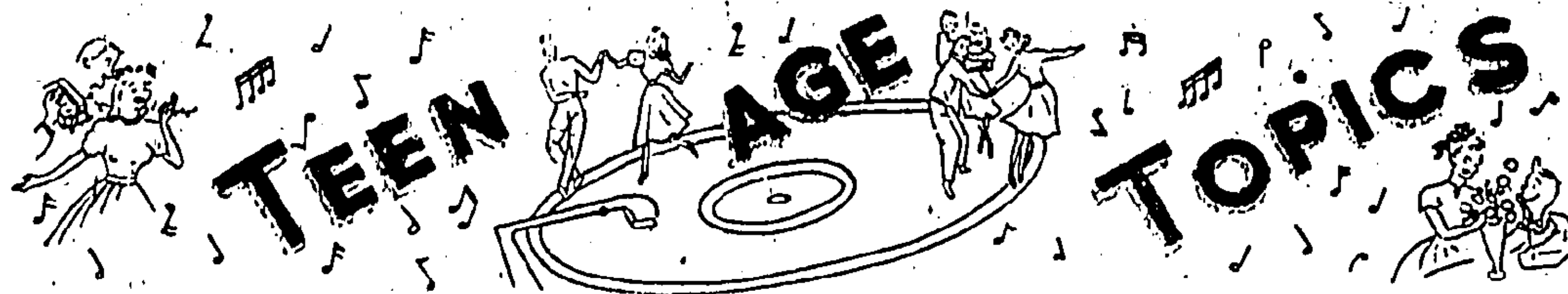
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Teen Age Guerillas Of Greece

By BETTY BETZ

"I've shot 25 men and I'm proud of it!" laughed a
16-year-old girl guerilla fighter who obviously,
has never been taught right from wrong in her
mixed up childhood.

This young girl with a hardened face and mistrust-
ing eyes is now locked up in a concentration
camp called "Teen Age Guerilla's Town," along
with several hundred other kids who had joined
up with the Communist forces in Northern
Greece.

Instead of playing with dolls
and toys, man-sized guns were
thrust into the hands of these
savage-like kids. It is said that
they make the best soldiers... for
they are even too young to have
a sense of fear.

This is indeed one of the
saddest sights of Greece today,
for on the other hand, most of
the young people are intelligent,
ambitious, intelligent, and feel a
deep sense of responsibility to-
ward their war torn country.

What can be done about these
young killers, some of whom are
being kept in barracks behind
barbed wire fences? Will they
ever turn into useful citizens who
love and trust their fellowmen?
When a child has never known
what it's like to have a home

and parents, will he or she ever
be able to learn that the secret
of happiness is to love and be
loved?

These few hundred killers are
only a small percentage of the
kids who have been led astray
by Communist propaganda and
there are still thousands of these
young gun-toting guerillas hiding
in the forests of the mountains
of Northern Greece, who are
helping to fight against the
Nationalist Army.

These young people are a sad
post-war product, but what's
even more tragic is that the
Communists are using these kids
as a "secret weapon." Let's only
hope that their damaged minds
will some day be repaired so that
they'll realize they're on the
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Teen Time devoted half of last
Friday's Programme to the latest
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anxiety in certain quarters to write
Crosby's obituary as a singer.

Wedding Day was the best side
heard and in top drawer stuff by
Bing and the aging And-
rews scores. It carries a remin-
der that when the Groucher's lar-
ynx fails he could get a job as a
whistler if he keeps his teeth.

With tongue in cheek Bing and
Patty Andrews kidded through
Bo-Boo Spoken Here. It is an
amusing side but it leaves the au-
ditor none the wiser regarding the
new find.

Pop has been given a fair trial
and should now be relegated to the
limbo of Passing Fancies. You
can shave off the goose, remove
the horns and beard and, for
all I care, put 'em in a box, tie
'em with a ribbon and throw 'em
in the deep blue sea.

The classics in Modern Tempo will
be presented this evening with no
intention to reopen the controver-
sial topic "Swinging the Classics".
If you are a listener who is
against what some call declassification

of the classics then you would do
well not to listen.

I am certain there are many who
will find considerable enjoyment at
6 p.m. when we will put on the
following numbers:

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Charlie Spivak.
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Charlie Spivak.
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Benny Goodman.
Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata:
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(Verdi): Raymond Scott.
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Softball has been played locally for more than a decade and, so
most of you have a rudimentary knowledge of the playing rules,
and it is not intended to discuss these, here, but rather to furnish
some useful hints for beginners. (Ed.)

Although the most important
player in a team is the pitcher,
he must remember above all,
team-work in the foundation of
success for any side, and he or
she must put this above his or
her ambitions for personal glory.
There are eight other players
behind the pitcher, and if he tries
to win the ball game himself by
trying to strike out every batter,
then he is asking for trouble. The
constant strain of putting every-
thing into every pitch will soon
burn him up, and he will soon be
in difficulties.

It follows, therefore that a
pitcher must try to outsmart the
batter to conserve his strength,
and this he can do by varying the
speed of his pitches at his curve
time. This is known as a "change
of pace" in the language of the
game.

It is essential that the player
who takes up pitching be hard-
working and cool-headed.

The first thing is to learn con-
trol, by minimising as much as
possible the margin of error when
asked to pitch to a given spot.
This can be acquired by constant
practice with another team-mate,
preferably the catcher, who should
indicate the spot to be aimed at
with his glove.

This will require patience, but

once this has been achieved, half
the battle is won. Experts at the
game can throw a ball to make it
curve by introducing a spin in
their deliveries, which will cause
swerve but it is not recommended
that beginners should try this.
However, a spin by itself can be
most useful, as it prevents the
opposing batter from making a
solid hit, and it will be found that
in most cases the ball will only
pop up for an easy out.

This type of pitch is used with
great success in the Men's Senior
League.

It will also be found from con-
stant observation, that every bat-
ter has a weakness, and it can be
discovered which kind of ball not
to pitch to him.

When facing a batter for the
first time, the pitcher will natu-
rally be in a quandry, but if he
remembers the following he will
not go wrong:

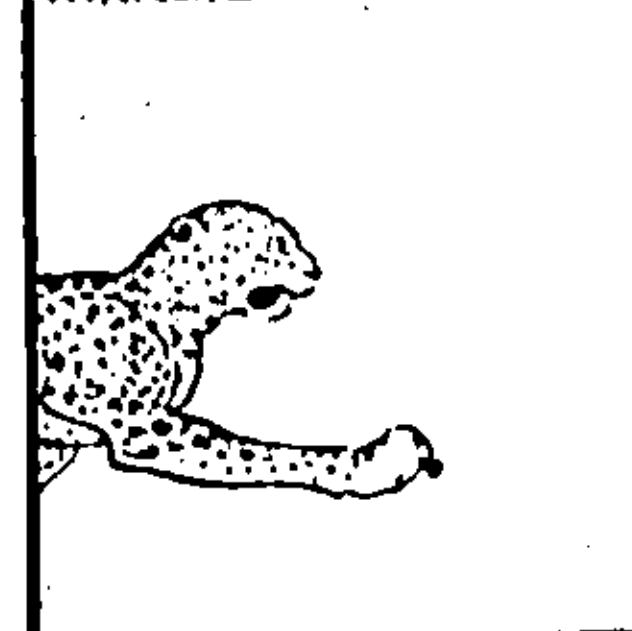
Pitch low to batters who stand
erect. Pitch high to batters who
crouch. Pitch outside if he is stand-
ing too far away from the plate.
Pitch close if he is standing too
near the plate. If you manage to
pile on two strikes with one or no
balls, feed him a wide pitch—he
may swing in desperation rather
than be called out on a third
strike.

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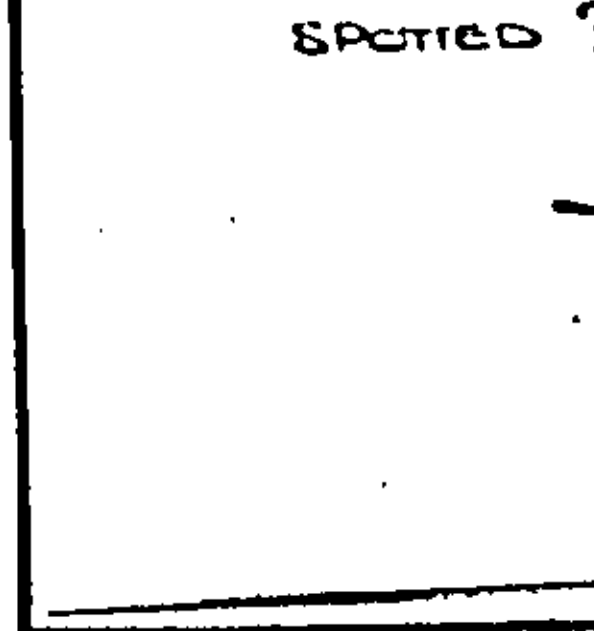
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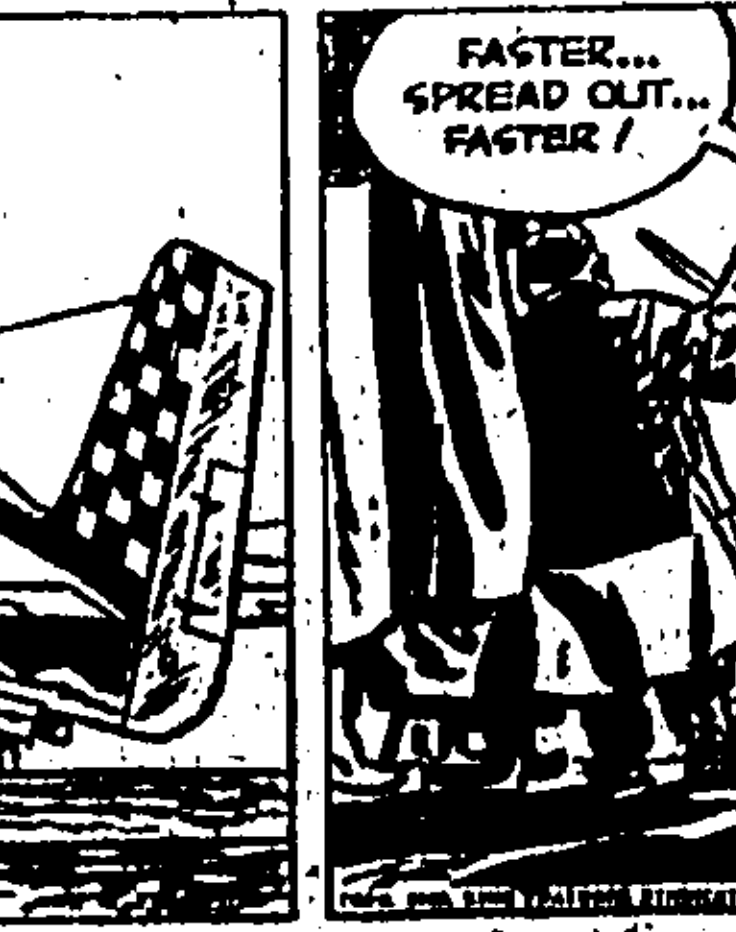
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